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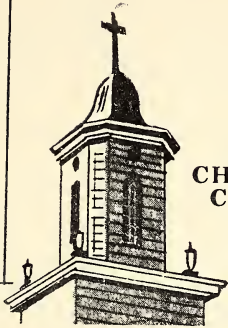


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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

- 8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship
- 9:45 A.M. Church School
- 11:00 A.M. Divine Worship
- 5:30 P.M. Fellowship Groups
- 7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

- 10:00 A.M. Study Group
- 7:30 P.M. Study Group #2,
Russ Wortleys, 2229 Drake
- 7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild,
Amelia Dare, 4527 Lafayette Esp.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

- 1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Pauline
Snyder, 4709 Schaper Dr.
- 7:00 P.M. Elder's Meeting
- 8:00 P.M. Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

- 9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Audrey
Helmuth, 1232 Fairfield
- 7:30 P.M. Bible Study Group,
Ron Gerows, 4701 South Wayne
- 7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Connie
Wells, 735 Poplar

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

- 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

PANTRY NEEDS: Dry Milk
Fruit Juices

KEY 73 COVENANT SUNDAY

Prepare for this Sunday by sharing with your family and others in watching "FAITH IN ACTION"--the launch TV special Saturday from 7:30 to 8:00 P.M. over Channel 33.

JANUARY 7, 1973

Meditative Worship - 8:30 A.M.

Divine Worship - 11:00 A.M.

Covenant Participation in Key 73

Sermon: "WHAT I HAVE" - Acts 3:

1-10, Acts 4:13-22

Eucharistic Renewal

CELEBRATION WORSHIP - 7:00 P.M.

Included will be the Key 73 covenant making and eucharist for those not attending in the morning. Celebration Worship during January will include guidance and practice towards sharing on a Lay Witness team. We believe the process of becoming a trained witness is a participation experience which can have great meaning for all attending.

SERVING JANUARY 7

Elders

8:30 A.M. David Griggs and
Rolland Ripple

11:00 A.M. George Davis and
Fred Smell

7:00 P.M. Bert Leversee

Deacons

8:30 A.M. A.E. Huddleston,
R. Johnson, W. Koehlinger, V.
Moore

11:00 A.M. T. Ogles, R. Rus-
sell, S. Cole, P. Yentes, A.
Mowery, E. O'Laughlin, L. Tim-
brook

Deaconesses

Ruth Plummer and Betty Grimm

Ushers

8:30 A.M. G. Bruckman, T.

Banet, J. Weicker, G. Hunt,

D. Smith, G. VanWagner

11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A.

Cook, D. Allen, H. Stevenson,

D. Short, G. Bozarth, S. Rayl

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

St. Joseph: 817 Mr. Orlie Conner

Parkview: 221 Mrs. Nadine Elser

Lutheran: 789 Mrs. Fern Rittell

594 Mrs. Effrida Kibiger

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE:

Mrs. Goldie Schlatter and the
Franklin McGuires were accident-
ly omitted from the list last
week.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mr. Ennis Brown and family
in the death of his mother last
week.

To Robert Petty and family in
the death of his brother-in-law
last week.

DECEMBER AVERAGES:

Church Worship 487

Church School 186

Budget Giving \$2197.13

Appeal Giving 717.26

NEW MEMBER DURING DECEMBER:

Clint Crowe

ELDERS MEETING:

The elders will meet at 7:00 P.M.
on Tuesday the 9th in the Parlor.
Study Ephesians 2 in preparation for
the evening.

CHURCH BOARD MEETING:

The January Board meeting will be
held at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday the 9th.
Two recommendations will be presented
by the Follow Through Committee of
the Lay Witness Mission. A visita-
tion panel from our district and one
of our Regional Staff are also ex-
pected for a presentation and dis-
cussion of a major concern. All
Board members are urged to attend.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING:

Our Christmas Card Tree received
\$430.50 which will be split between
the Flinn Home for the aged and the
Cleveland Christian Home. The spec-
ial offering totaled \$655.74. We re-
joice in this total of \$1086.24 in
special Christmas giving. This is
above the budget and appeal averages.

STAFF CHANGES:

Ed Allen completed his second
stint with us as Intern and drove to
Ft. Worth where he is entering Brite
Divinity School of Texas Christian
University.

Syed Parvais Ahmed, better known
as Abraham, ended his service with us
on December 31.

WITNESS IN 1973



CALL TO PRAYER

Our Carillonic Bells have been ringing at 12:00 noon for five minutes each day from Christmas through January 6. This is a call to prayer wherever people are. Prayer has been shared that many will be led to Christ, through Key 73, the movement of churches of most denominations and Christian groups to bring the message of Christ to all persons of the North American continent during 1973. Join in this prayer effort the remaining days of this week.

LAUNCH TV SPECIAL - "FAITH IN ACTION"

This Saturday, January 6th, from 7:30 to 8:00 P.M. over Channel 33 here in

Fort Wayne is this documentary of Christian laymen across the country. It begins with a Disciple Judge in Seattle, Washington. Invite 3 or 4 other couples to join in watching this TV special in your home and then have a time of sharing and interaction by its stimulus. This is being presented this Saturday evening over more than 250 TV stations in the US and Canada. Do not miss this special television highlight - this Saturday, from 7:30 to 8:00 P.M. over Channel 33.

KEY 73 COVENANT SUNDAY

All three worship on Sunday the 7th will include a special Covenant Service to facilitate expression of willingness to engage in this effort through our congregation. We are doing a study of worship participation among our congregation during January. Start this year of evangelism and concern for others by being present in worship. Begin the new year with regular worship participation.

PHASES OF KEY 73

1. Calling our Continent to Repentance and Prayer - Thanksgiving of 1972 through January 7, 1973.
2. Calling our Continent to the Word of God - Early 1973. This will include a Bible Distribution throughout Fort Wayne.
3. Calling our Continent to the Resurrection - Lent and Easter 1973.
4. Calling our Continent to New Life - Easter through August 1973.
5. Calling our Continent to Proclamation - June through September 1973. A Community-wide preaching Mission is scheduled at the Coliseum for September 9-16, 1973.
6. Calling our Continent to Commitment - Thanksgiving through Christmas 1973.

GRADED EVENING STUDY HOUR

5:30 to 7:00 P.M. is the time for young and old alike to join in fellowship, study and relationship beginning again this Sunday evening.

Child Care is provided for pre-schoolers by a paid staff in the Crib Room and Nursery.

The Children's Story Hour includes grades 1 through 3.

Junior Disciples will enjoy a film this Sunday evening. This group meets from 6:00-7:00 P.M. following choir.

Both CYF and CHI RHO will have planning meetings to map out plans for their meetings for the next several months. Everyone is urged to bring their ideas of things they would like to see done in our groups. These groups meet from 5:30-6:30 before choir.

Youth and Children's Choirs will resume rehearsals this Sunday evening. Children's Choir at 5:30 P.M. and Youth Choir at 6:30 P.M.

ADULTS meet in room 120 with Dr. Cline. The study turns to the Gospel of Matthew. The background text, Introducing the New Testament by A.M. Hunter has now arrived and copies can be picked up in the office for preparatory study. Read Matthew through chapter 7.

FROM THE PASTOR:

December was a great month in the life of First Christian. It combined our Lay Witness Mission and the Christmas season. Thanks to all who worked hard to make this a meaningful time among us.

I particularly rejoice in the love and good will flowing among many of our people. The love of God enriches life as it is channeled in expressions of caring concern. I rejoice that our giving enabled us to the full budget allotments for December for outreach, \$2,000 to the Indiana Appeal, and over \$1,000 in our Special Christmas offering. Our Pantry also had a busy season of referrals.

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DISCIPLESHIP SERIES BEGINS

The Discipleship Class during Church School opens a new series for high schoolers and adults this Sunday and runs for 10 weeks. You are welcome by coming to room 120 at 9:45 A.M. It is open to all interested participants whether members or not.

MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Monday morning study group will meet on Monday, January 8, at 10:00 A.M. Our assignment is pages 162-169 in our text, and the "To Do" session, p. 159.

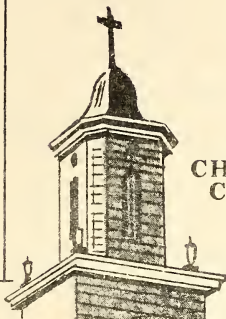
This Sunday opens a new calendar year in our church. I pray and hope that it will be a rich year of experiences in the bond of Christ.

Harold E. Cline

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

7:30 P.M. O.M.S. Party at the
Jerry Zimmermans, 4223 Beaver

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:45 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Divine Worship
5:30 P.M. Fellowship Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

1:00 P.M. Study Group, Margaret
Love, 341 W. Maple Grove
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee
7:30 P.M. Study Group #1, at the
Robert Johnsons, 350 Arcadia Ct.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

7:30 P.M. Membership Committee

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

1:00 P.M. CWF Meeting, West
Creighton Christian Church
7:30 P.M. Wel-Kum-All Group, Nat-
alie Ulrich, 3315 Ivy League
7:30 P.M. Study Group at the
Vincent Wells, 735 Poplar

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

1:30 P.M. Prayer, Share, Study
Group in the Parlor
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

EPIPHANY FOCUS ON JESUS

The church season of Epiphany began on January 6. It is named from the manifestation of Jesus to the wise men and continues until Ash Wednesday. This season gives primary recognition to Christ and His ministry among men.

The preaching of Epiphany and on into Lent will focus on a response to a modification of the request in John 12:21. Such a modification might read, "We wish to see Jesus for our present lives and relationships." The introductory sermon of eleven sermons will be this Sunday, "JESUS' STYLE FOR US" - Luke 2: 41-52, John 14:6. The following sermons will pick up a particular dimension of his life style through the gospel account and with applications today.

Along with this focus on Jesus through our worship services and sermons, the Children's sermonettes are beginning a series on the twelve Apostles.

SERVING JANUARY 14

Elders

8:30 A.M. Ray Fredericks
and Earl Plummer

11:00 A.M. Walter Keebortz
and Mark Snyder

7:00 P.M. Andrew Cook

Deacons

8:30 A.M. M. Finkhousen, L.

Johns, H. Banet, M. Crouse

11:00 A.M. D. Andrew, M. Grimm,
R. Hendricks, R. Petty, D. Pom-
eroy, J. Hechler, R. Ogles, T.
Frappier

Deaconesses

Ruth Plummer and Betty Grimm

Ushers

8:30 A.M. G. Bruckman, T.

Banet, J. Weicker, G. Hunt,
D. Smith, G. VanWagner

11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook,
D. Allen, H. Stevenson, D.
Short, G. Bozarth, S. Rayl

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

PARKVIEW: 645 Jeff & Greg Heiney

LUTHERAN: 789 Mrs. Fern Rittell
565 Mrs. Effreda Kibiger

ST. JOSEPH: 817 Mr. Orlie Conner

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Vincent Wells and family
in the death of his mother, Mrs.
William McGarr, last Friday in
Grand Rapids, Michigan

To Mrs. Karen Flickinger and
family in the death of her grand-
father over the holidays.

To Carl Lazarro and family
in the death of his father on
January 3, in Gary.

PANTRY NEEDS:

Canned Meat
Main Dishes

NEW OFFICERS OF PROGRESSIVE CLASS:

President - Hugh Rice

Vice-President - Delmas Young

Secretary - Reba Fusselman

Ass't Secretary - Mary Wilhelm

Treasurer - Genevieve Ripple

Ass't Treasurer - Ruth Plummer

Cheer Chairman - Marguerite Quinn

Ass't Cheer - Gwynth Rice

GIFTS TO THE PANTRY

Our thanks to the following groups
who have recently made contrigutions
to the Pantry:

Aboite Christian Church

North Christian Church

Maloley's

Baer Field Air Force National
Guard

Employees of the Allen County
Welfare Department

A THANK YOU NOTE:

Dear Friends;

We wish to thank all of you for
the cards, visits, and especially the
prayers while Russ was in the hospi-
tal. Through these prayers, Rus-
sell's rapid recovery was possible
and we believe will continue. The
members of this church have shown
their great capacity for love and
concern and we thank God for all of
you. God bless you.

The Russell Wortley family

LEFT FLINN HOME

Word was received that Mrs. Fern
Teeple has gone to her son's home in
Philadelphia, Pa, from the Flinn Home.

NOTES FROM THE KITCHEN

The collection of bowls, dishes,
silverware, cups, left over from our
several carry-in dinners has become
quite extensive. If you are missing
these items, check the kitchen.

If one first
gives himself
to the Lord,
W W W all
W W W other
giving is
EASY.

Weekly giving envelopes were mailed to all users last week. If other persons desire sets, please contact the church office. We are more than glad to provide giving envelopes for members, children, and friends of the church. They are helpful to record giving for both personal and tax purposes; they encourage regular and planned giving; they help preserve anonymity during worship in giving amounts; and they provide a workable method for expressing personal commitment and responsible church financing.

Two suggestions have been made to aid in the processing of our giving through envelopes:

1. Family members should use their own designated envelopes if there is more than one set per family. The accounts are posted by number.
2. Staples and gummed tape often stick to checks and mutilate the envelopes badly when opened. Normally the regular envelope sealer is sufficient.

Our regular weekly envelopes are used for two kinds of giving: BUDGET GIVING and CENTENNIAL AND INDIANA APPEAL GIVING. It is advisable to record intended amounts for each of these causes. Unless Appeal giving is marked, all is counted towards budget giving.

BUDGET GIVING is used for the ongoing operational expenses of the church in its ministry of worship, study, fellowship, pastoral care, outreach, and building operation. Our current budget for the 1972-73 church year is \$94,600 which requires weekly giving of \$1,819.23. We believe every member whether resident or not can share something towards this facilitating of Christ's mission. If finances are so short that giving is impossible, contact the church for we should be helping you. Christian giving is proportionate to income and as regular as income is received. Many believe a tithe or 10% is the most Biblical and responsible giving level for Christians.

CENTENNIAL AND INDIANA APPEAL GIVING is a special over-and-above program of our church for the three calendar years of 1972, 1973, 1974. During the centennial year, \$17,000 was spent for needed building improvements as carpeting, painting, office furnishings and signs; and \$15,000 was given to help complete the second floor of the Flinn Home in Marion. \$30,000 was borrowed to pay these items. This debt of our Centennial Program was combined with an asking of \$25,000 from our Region towards Capital outreach needs including both debts of overspending in the past
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and new projects. Thus, all giving to the Appeal is divided 57% for Centennial projects which is strictly debt repayment of both principal and interest and 43% for the share of our congregation in the Indiana Appeal for Response in Faith. All are invited to give toward this special course which is over-and-above regular budetary giving.

We rejoice greatly that during December over \$16,000 was given to our church. This was the highest month in recent years and perhaps in the history of our church. We pray that it reflects a commitment to Christ for "IF ONE FIRST GIVES HIMSELF TO THE LORD ALL OTHER GIVING IS EASY."

CELEBRATION WORSHIP - 7:00 P.M.

This is open for all persons as a participation experience with Christ. There is a current emphasis on participatory learning experiences for potential members of Lay Witness Teams. Your presence does not demand such future participation, but is important as preparation if there are inclinations in this direction. We believe it is a very meaningful experience for all persons to share.

C.W.F. GENERAL MEETING:

Our C.W.F. is joining with similiar groups of West Creighton and North Christian Churches on Wednesday the 17th. It will be held at West Creighton with separate business sessions at 1:00 P.M. with the joint program at 1:45. Alec Langford will speak on "INEVITABLY INTERWOVEN AND JOINED." Child Care will be provided.

EVENING FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

This graded program for all ages is from 5:30 to 7:00 each Sunday evening. The CYF is involved in banner making. The Chi Rho will do planning. The adults are studying in particular Matthew 5-7, 13, 18, 24, 25. Child care is provided as well as program for school age children.

DIVINE WORSHIP CHILDREN WORKERS:

At 7:30 P.M. tonight, Thursday, the 11th, all workers for Kindergarten-First grade and Second thru Fourth Grades are meeting in the Parlor. This one hour session is looking forward to the next twelve sermonettes dealing with the twelve disciples and how to tie in the Children's program during worship with this special unit of attention.

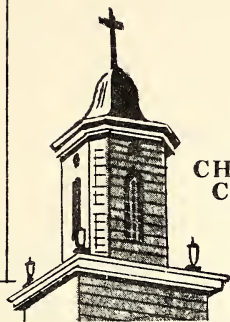
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10:30 A.M. SUNDAY
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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

10:00 A.M. Prayer-Study Group at Andrea
Benny's, 7710 Newlin Drive.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

7:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Breakfast

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:30 A.M. - Meditative Worship
9:45 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Divine Worship
5:30 P.M. Fellowship Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

6:30 P.M. Annual Meeting, Associated
Churches at Calvary United Methodist
Church, 6301 Winchester Rd.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

7:30 P.M. Planning Committee

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

7:30 P.M. Information Services Committee
7:30 P.M. Sherwood Association, Travelog

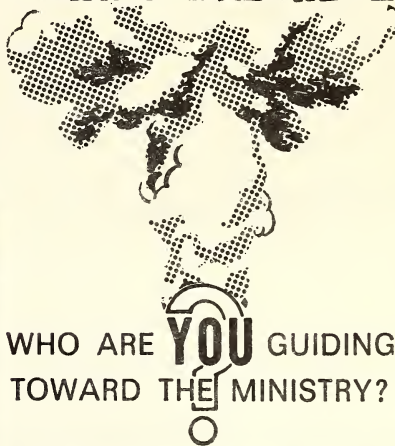
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Sounding Board Committee

PANTRY NEEDS

Canned Soups
Canned Fruit

IN TIMES LIKE THESE



WHO ARE **YOU** GUIDING
TOWARD THE MINISTRY?

DECISION FOR PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY

Paul K. Dunham will be sharing in our Divine Worship at 11:00 A.M. next Sunday morning in recognition of his decision to prepare for and enter the professional pastoral ministry. This special commitment service is the second since our new church vocation program was approved.

Paul has had some educational background for ministry and will be returning to complete college and seminary work. He received a unanimous call to serve the Waynetown Christian Church as its pastor during these student days. Paul and Carol, his wife, will be leaving us at the end of

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SERVING JANUARY 21

Elders

8:30 A.M. Rufus Quinn, and Hugh Rice

11:00 A.M. Merle Rice and John Merrill

7:00 P.M. William Schilling

Deacons

8:30 A.M. Orie McDougle, Edwin Allen, Walter Bowen, Romane Cole.

11:00 A.M. Ronald Gerow, Walter Gump, Clarence Hetrick, A.E. Huddleston, Robt. Johnson, Wayne Koehlinger, Vernon Moore, Thomas Ogles.

Deaconesses

Mrs. Earl Plummer and Mrs. Merle Grimm

Usheers

8:30 A.M. Geo. Bruckman, Tom Banet, John Weicker, Gale Hunt, Don Smith, Gale Van Wagner.

11:00 A.M. Scott Rayl, Gene Bozarth, Don Short, Homer Stevenson, Doug, Allen, Merland Heller, Andrew Cook.

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview 745 Mrs. Bonnie Durnell

645 - Jeff and Greg Heiney

Lutheran - 789 Mrs. Fern Mittall

BIRTH:

to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tulecki, a son,
Robert Charles, on January 6, 1973

WEEKEND CUSTODIAL ASSISTANT:

Doug Allen of our congregation has assumed this work responsibility for us.

CONGRATULATIONS ON 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

To Mr. and Mrs. Merland Heller on their 50th Wedding Anniversary just before Christmas.

TIMOTHY AT FORT WORTH:

Ed. Allen Jr, is at 2917 Princeton St. #5, Fort Worth, Texas, 76017. He is being considered for the Chico Christian Church for Sunday preaching.

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January to begin this responsibility in Waynetown. He has been preaching regularly at Aboite Christian Church this fall along with the work as an insurance agent.

Concerning his decision being expressed now, he writes:

"Me God?"

"LET GO AND LET GOD" has been a popular saying in the last few years. If I didn't know better, I would think that I might have even coined the saying.

For quite some time now I have been dabbling in the ministry, but not making any real attempt to enter the ministry as a career. Time after time I have found God knocking at the door of my life with numerous opportunities of service, but somehow I have managed to keep the door closed. At this point I began to experience depression and emptiness, and the phrase, "Let go, and let God" became real to me. When God took control I discovered a new happiness, the ability to cope with conditions, and once again opportunities availed themselves. It was at this point that I decided that God was genuinely interested in my life. I felt as He stood at the door this time there was no way I wanted to deny Him entrance.

Even though doubts and conflicting situations try to beset the desire of entering professional ministry, all the more do I realize that the gospel needs to be preached. My love for God and concern for others are the greatest reasons I can express to you for my yearning to be a minister.

Preaching opportunities, Bible studies, Lay Witness Missions, and Christian friends have helped me to "Let Go and Let God".

Paul K. Dunham

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS AND REPORTS OF CHURCH BOARD MEETING - JANUARY 9, 1973

The report of church budget giving and expenditures revealed the following for the first six months of the church year:

Anticipated Church Budget Income	\$ 47,299.98
Actual Church Budget Income	<u>43,815.77</u>
Shortage in giving	\$ 3,484.21

Despite this shortage in giving actual payments have only surpassed income by \$529.54.

In the budgeted categories, Office Ministry expense was \$1,000 above the budgeted amount.

Property expense was \$2,000 above the budgeted amount, and World-wide Outreach payments were \$3,000 under the budgeted amount.

The Centennial and Indiana Appeal fund made an extra payment of \$2,000 on our Centennial loan and forwarded \$2,000 on the Indiana Appeal. The total receipts at the end of the first official year of this three-year program was \$31,352.88. We rejoice in this progress towards our total commitment of \$64,536.40!

Upon recommendation of the Evangelism Committee, approval was given to purchase from 1,000 to a maximum of 3,000 copies of Luke-Acts to share in the community-wide distribution as a part of the Key 73 program. This special Key 73 edition costs 10¢ or \$100 per 1,000. These will be used in the assigned geographical area near our church on Sunday, April 8.

A permanent book table was approved upon recommendation of the Lay Witness Mission Follow Through Committee. This will allow for the regular sale of books in the area of Christian faith, life, witness, and renewal through the church without budgetary support.

The Experiments in Discipline and Discovery program of the Institute of Church Renewal was approved upon recommendation of the Lay Witness Mission Follow Through Committee. This will begin the second week of September and will include a six-week training period, and Experiment weekend, and six-weeks for follow-up and evaluation. Thus it will become a major program emphasis next fall.

A motion was made calling for an open Chapel for prayer in observance of the Day of Remembrance for Martin Luther King, Jr. Our Prayer Chapel kept special hours from 11:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Monday, January 15.

Worship participation was noted according to quarterly averages:

Summer - 1971 245; Fall - 1971 318; Winter - 1972 338; Spring - 1972 364;
Summer - 1972 278; Fall - 1972 394;

Jim Keown, Associate Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Indiana, led a special Celebration and communication session concerning the operational and capital outreach program of our churches in the state. In reviewing the 1970-71 church year and the 1971-72 church year the total outreach money through our brotherhood agencies from Indiana increased from \$1,176,873 to \$1,578,961. Our share of this jumped from \$9,247 to \$35,672. Our major jump included the special Centennial gift of \$15,000 to the Flinn Home for which we borrowed money.

ON LAY WITNESS MISSIONS:

Invitations are coming and some of our people are beginning to go and share with other churches in Lay Witness Missions. Let us pray for these who go and share out of their lives with others. We are hopeful to receive feedback either on the Sunday evening of their return or a week later. May we hold these in our prayers as they go:

January 19-21, 1973

Chicago, Illinois

James Hollingsworth, Coordinator

Andy and Joyce Crowe

Yellowcreek Church of The Brethren

Goshen, Indiana

Dave Pearson, Coordinator

Ray and Sharon Fredericks

Andrea Benny

Barbara Schrock

Debbie Allen

Barbara Taylor - possibly

January 26-28, 1973

Christian Church, Greenwood, Indiana

Milford Chewning, Coordinator

Paul and Carol Dunham

Dean and Elsie Widler

ABOITE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The entire group at Aboite will be coming in for the 11:00 A.M. Worship at First Christian this Sunday. Paul Dunham has been preaching at Aboite for the past four months. He is sharing in a special service of recognition and commitment for preparation towards the professional ministry. We look forward to the folk from Aboite sharing with us on this Sunday for this special service of worship.

Remember: There will be no service at Aboite Christian Church this Sunday at 10:30 A.M. since all are coming to the 11:00 A.M. worship at First Christian Church.

SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Sermon for worship at 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. "Be Real in Living" - Background Scriptures: Matthew 13:31-33; 25: 31-46; Luke 6:27-42; 10: 29-37.

Special recognition and Commitment Service for Paul Dunham in his intent for a Church Vocation during worship at 11:00 A.M.

Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M. has been most thrilling in recent weeks and growing in participation. Join in the sharing and training for Lay Witness team members which opens the door for rich experiences with God and one another for any participant. It is not limited to potential team persons.

CHILDREN'S ART PROJECT

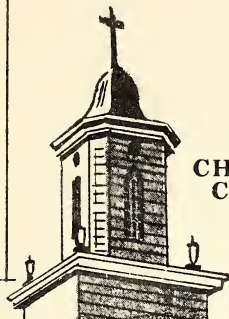
Again this year, our children (of all ages) are invited to enter the Week of Compassion Children's Art Project. Materials are available and will be sent to all Church School teachers, telling of the work of our Week of Compassion Offering. Children may work individually or as class groups. Posters may show any area of work done through the Week of Compassion offering, and in any media. All posters must be turned in to Mrs. Bixenman by February 4, and will be posted in Fellowship Hall the following week. The best 5 posters will be sent in for possible inclusion in the National Art Exhibit at the American Bible Society offices in New York.

SERENDIPITY WORKSHOP IN CLEVELAND

Several are planning to go from here for the eight-hour workshop led by Lyman Coleman on Saturday, March 10. The Church will pay one-half of the \$14 registration fee as an encouragement in Leadership Development. Contact Mrs. Bixenman or Dr. Cline to secure a registration card now. Registration is limited.

This is designed for teachers, members of small groups, and others who would enjoy a meaningful experience of God within self and in a moving day of group relationships.

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JESUS' STYLE IN RELATIONSHIPS

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Sale

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:45 A.M. Church School

11:00 A.M. Divine Worship

5:30 P.M. Evening Fellowship
Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

9:30 A.M. Study Group at
Miriam Bixenman's 1810
Chartwell

6:30 P.M. Wel-Kum-All Group at
Miriam Bixenman's 1810
Chartwell

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00 P.M. Youth and Bell Choir

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Judy
Aker, 6226 Covington Rd.

PANTRY NEEDS: Fruit Juices

The sermons of the last two Sunday mornings have opened a series on "JESUS' STYLE FOR US IN RELATIONSHIPS." These sermons are focusing upon the life and ministry in order to help us in the nit-ty--gritty style of our daily living with one another. Coming sermons and scriptures are:

1/28 - "Identify With People" Luke 19:1-10; Mark 2:13-17

2/4 - "Love Enough to Listen" Matt-
hew 16:13-23; Luke 10:38-42; Mark 4:1-20

2/11 - "Affirming Worth in a Person"
Luke 5:1-11; Luke 7:1-10, 35-50

2/18 - "Valuing Another Person's Jud-
gement" Matthew 18:15-20; Mark 11:27-33; John 8:12-59

2/25 - "Accepting a Person As Is"
John 13:3-16; Mark 2:23-28; Matt-
hew 18: 21,22; Luke 10:38-42

3/4 - "Love Now Specifically" Luke
15:1-7; Luke 16:19-31; Mark 9:2-8

3/11 - "Risking Self for Others" John
10:11-18; Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 9:57-62; 18:18-30

3/18 - "Willing to Receive" Luke 10:4-9; 18:9-14; Matthew 21:28-44;
John 13:3-16

3/25 - "Love Where Needed" Luke 7:31-35; Mark 14:3-9; John 11:17-44

SERVING JANUARY 28

Elders

8:30 A.M. Andrew Cook and
Bert Leversee

11:00 A.M. Eugene Klepfer
and Ralph Church

7:00 P.M. William Crouse

Deacons

8:30 A.M. R. Russell, S.
Cole, P. Yentes

11:00 A.M. A. Mowery, E.
O'Laughlin, L. Timbrook, M.
Finkhousen, L. Johns, H. Banet,
M. Crouse, D. Andrew

Deaconesses

Marge Lehman and Delores
Overmeyer

Ushers

8:30 A.M. G. Bruckman, T.
Banet, J. Weicker, G. Hunt,
D. Smith, G. VanWagner

11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A.
Cook, D. Allen, H. Stevenson,
D. Short, G. Bozarth, S. Rayl

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: 347 Mrs. Hazel Firestone
408 Mrs. Maude Pugh (mother of
Mrs. Jennie Morrical)

Lutheran: 789 Mrs. Fern Rittell

FUNERAL OF MEMBER:

Mr. Robert Donahue died suddenly on January 17. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Maude, and family.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Ed Allen, Sr. in the sudden death of his sister on January 18 in California.

To Leslie Futterer in the death of his brother, Albert, on January 16, in southern Indiana.

THANKS TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We would like to thank you and your congregation for your recent donation of 200 loaves of bread to the Martin Luther King Center for our Christmas Club.

Your donation, along with many others, made it possible for many needy families to have a happy holiday.

Again, we say thanks to all of you for your concern and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Martin Luther King Center
Evelyn Rowland, Director

OUR THANKS TO YOU

We want to thank all our friends who sent us get well cards while we were in the hospital.

Jeff and Gregg Heiney

Thanks to our many friends for the food which was brought in, the cards, the telephone calls, the offers to baby sit which came to us during Jeff and Gregg's hospitalization.

The Jim Heiney Family

SIGNED UP FOR SERENDIPITY WORKSHOP

Harold and Ruby Cline, Don and Barbara Short, Ben and Val Taylor, Dean and Elsie Widler have already turned in registrations for the Serendipity Workshop all day on Saturday, March 10, in Cleveland, Ohio, led by Lyman Coleman.

NEW SPECAIL CARE LIST

Attention is called to the posting of a new special care list as of this month. Copies can be secured in the church office for persons interested in this area of the church's ministry.

QUESTIONNAIRE FROM CHURCH

The Planning Committee is anxious to receive the filled out questionnaires from all members and friends of the church. Please find your copy and fill it out according to your personal impressions. Extra copies are available at all entrances of the church.

We would encourage you to bring your completed questionnaire with you on Sunday and leave it in the offering plate, in the Receptionist's office, or in the mail box for Dr. Cline in the office hallway.

If you desire to mail the questionnaire, 16¢ postage is needed for one questionnaire or a husband and wife could return both of theirs in one envelope with 24¢ postage.

We are anxious to receive these from as many as possible. There is no need to make any personal identification on the questionnaire or return envelope. These are to be used anonymously from our members and friends. Please express yourself for the guidance of our Planning Committee.

MEN'S SATURDAY BREAKFAST GROUP

Eleven men met last Saturday to form this new group. Regular times will be the first and third Saturday morning from 7:00 to 8:30 A.M. It is open to any interested men. The desire was for stimulus plus opportunity for sharing and interaction. The Men of Vision Dialogue tapes will provide 22 minutes of input by Renewal leaders and open the discussion.

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INVITATION TO CHOIRS

Chancel Choir - This is open for all adults, college youth, and high schoolers of grade 10 and above. The latter group may sing only in the Chancel Choir or come to its rehearsal after the Youth and Bell Choir rehearsal. Rehearsals begin at 7:30 P.M. each Thursday in the Choir Room. This choir sings at the Divine Worship at 11:00 A.M. weekly. Starting in February, there will be a vacation Sunday on each fourth Sunday of the month except for Easter. Don Parlette directs and Vee Parlette accompanies this choir.

Youth & Bell Choir - Youth of grades seven through twelve are invited to weekly rehearsals from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. each Thursday in the Grade 5 & 6 room. This new schedule begins tonight. The group will both sing and use our hand bells and both will be practiced weekly. Starting in February, this choir will sing and/or play each fourth Sunday for Divine Worship. It will also be used for Meditative Worship on both Palm Sunday and Easter during April. Natalie Urich is directing this choir and Jerry Zimmerman is accompanist.

Children's Choir - Children of grades 4, 5 & 6 are invited to rehearse for 30 minutes regularly during Junior Disciple period each Sunday night between 5:30 and 7:00 P.M. This choir will also begin singing regularly for Divine Worship on the fourth Sunday of each month beginning in February and will also be used for Meditative Worship on Palm Sunday and Easter.

ENTHUSIASTIC CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Our Celebration Worship had a sense of joy and victory as persons returning from Lay Witness Missions shared at how Christ had worked through them and how it was amazing to see people change and love emerge into expression. Our group has been growing at 7:00 P.M. on Sundays both in number and enthusiasm. Some stayed on last Sunday for a sing time around the piano as well as for much informal talk.

May we be in prayer for these who will be sharing in a special Lay Witness Mission this weekend at the Christian Church in Greenwood, Indiana. This LWM is to introduce this program in the independent Christian churches. We are glad for these to be going from among us:

Ralph & Judy Church
Paul & Carol Dunham
Don & Sharon Morgan
Dean & Elsie Widler

Along with other features of our Celebration Worship we hope to hear from these along with Andy & Joyce Crowe who were in Chicago this past weekend.

PAPER SALE

Our Chi Rho Fellowship is sponsoring a paper sale this Saturday, January 27. This is Chi Rho's sole money making project, a sale being held about every two months. Any donations of newspaper will be appreciated. Paper may be brought to the church anytime before 9:00 A.M. Saturday and placed in Fellowship Hall.

EVENING FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Chi Rho Fellowship will be studying the meaning and purpose of our Week of Compassion offering and making posters for the Week of Compassion Art Project.

CYF will continue work on banners for use during the present series of sermonettes dealing with the Disciples.

Adults will complete study of Matthew.

All groups meet from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP (from page 3)

Hosting the informal breakfasts for two months are:

2/3 Wm. Love & Hugh Rice
2/17 Wm. Franklin & Ed Allen
3/3 Ralph Church & Ben Taylor
3/17 George Davis & Jim Ruble

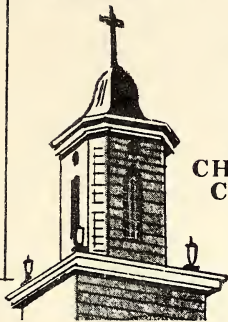
FROM THE PASTOR:

I will be leaving on Monday for a 5 day conference in Houston, Texas, on "MEANING AND BELONGING--NEW PATTERNS FOR THE CHURCH." Leaders include--Robert & Peggy Raines, Lloyd Ogilvie, Keith Miller, Lyman Coleman, Tom Skinner, Ernest Campbell, Ben Johnson, William Stringfellow, Elton Trueblood, Ray Stedman, Martin Marty, Carlyle Marney, and others. This is chosen as a growth experience for my development as a pastor and enabler.

Lewis McPherrren, Associate Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Indiana, will be sharing this experience with me. May I ask your prayers for safety in flight and for the enrichment of life through this conference.

Harold E. Clime

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:45 A.M. Church School

11:00 A.M. Divine Worship

5:30 P.M. Evening Fellowship Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

8:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

1:00 P.M. Prayer-Share-Study Group,

Mary Sue Ludwig, 2722 Glencairn

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Gladys

Hoop, 3920 Bowser Ave.

7:00 P.M. CWF Executive Meeting

7:00 P.M. Elder's Meeting

8:00 P.M. Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Betty

Grimm, 1320 W. Sherwood

9:45 P.M. Higdon Group, Ethel

Richhart, 835 W. Wayne, Apt. 103

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:00 P.M. Prayer Group, Parlor

9:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir

9:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

ANTRY NEEDS: Breakfast Cereals

AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR CREATOR:

"Love Your Neighbor"



—Religion in American Life

SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES

MORNING WORSHIPS 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Sermon: "Love Enough to Listen"

Mt. 16:13-23; Mk. 4:1-20; Lk. 10:

38-42

CELEBRATION WORSHIP - 7:00 P.M.

Celebrating God's Now Action

STUDY PROGRAMS 9:45 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

Learn of God in Fellowship

SERVING FEBRUARY 4

Elders

8:30 A.M. Harold Crowder and

William Schilling

11:00 A.M. Cecil Rice and

Glenn Miller

7:00 P.M. Hugh Rice

Deacons

8:30 A.M. D. Andrew, M. Grimm,

R. Hendricks, R. Petty

11:00 A.M. D. Pomeroy, J. Hech-

ler, R. Ogles, T. Frappier, O.

McDougle, E. Allen, W. Bowen,

R. Cole

Deaconesses

Marge Lehman and Delores Over-
meyer

Ushers

8:30 A.M. G. Bruckman, R.

White, J. Weicker, M. Olson,

D. Smith, G. VanWagner

11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook,

D. Olson, H. Stevenson, D. Pass-

water, J. Sauerwein, M. Smith

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 789 Mrs. Fern Rittell

Parkview: 736 Mr. Lawrence Horn

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Worden Eugene Hodge and Nellie
Buchanan on 1/28/73 in the Chapel.
They will reside in Los Angeles
where he is in the service.

ADDITIONAL SERENDIPITY CONFEREES:

Added to the list of last week
are: Judy Aker, Marge Lehman,
Barbara Schrock, Nancy Wortley,
Merle and Bea Rice. We rejoice
in the 12 that we now have regis-
tered and would encourage others
as soon as possible since there
is a closing of registration. It
is March 10 in Cleveland, Ohio.
We need \$7. for registration a-
long with your name.

THANKS FOR LOVE EXPRESSED

Please accept the thanks of my-
self and my family for the memorial
gifts, flowers, cards, food, and
prayers that were given at the time
of Mr. Donohue's death. We are ap-
preciative.

Mrs. Maude Donohue

GIFTS TO MEMORIAL FUND IN MEMORY OF
ROBERT J. DONOHUE

To date the Church has received
\$86. for its Memorial Fund in mem-
ory of Robert J. Donohue. Donors
include:

Mrs. Robert J. (Maude) Donohue

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Quandt

Mr. & Mrs. Robert T. Donohue

Neighbors

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Eby

Richard & Winifred Cowan

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Birkhold

We rejoice in these gifts which
will be acknowledged as a living
memorial in our Memorial Book in
the Narthex.

THANKS TO CHURCH PEOPLE

Thanks to those who were so kind
and thoughtful during my recent
hospitalization.

Sarah Likens

JANUARY AVERAGES

Church Worship 353

Church School 177

Budget Giving \$1548.84

C. & I. Appeal 397.29

PRAY FOR LAY WITNESS MISSION:

Merle and Bea Rice are serving on
a team coordinated by Alan Biddle
this weekend, February 2-4 in Trin-
ity Methodist Church here in Fort
Wayne. The pastor, Rev. Donald D.
Abbey has requested our prayers.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

Contact should be made to the pastor now concerning youth interested in the Youth Discipleship Classes to be held on ten Saturdays, 10:00 to 11:30 A.M., from February 10 through April 14.

These classes are designed for youth of Grades 6, 7 & 8. Children of the fifth grade may participate by special request through their parents with the pastor.

The classes are designed to give background for a meaningful commitment of life to Christ. The class in no way points to a special commitment day nor does it expect an immediate commitment by the youth. Concern is held high that commitment to Christ is a personal experience and should be upon the personal conviction and decision of the person involved. Thus, study is background for such a commitment. Some who have made the commitment already are encouraged to attend also. It includes some basic Christian content needed by each youth. Thus, reading and preparatory assignments are a part of the class anticipation.

CWF BLANKET DRIVE

This annual appeal for blankets will be held during February. Bring blankets and place in large marked boxes at entry ways or give \$3. which will provide a blanket. This can be left at the church office or given to Gwynth Rice, Treasurer of C.W.F. These blankets are used through Church World Service--Note usage in the Nicaraguan Relief elsewhere in this issue of TIDINGS.

Sincerely yours,
John Petten, Administrator
Cleveland Christian Home

LENTEN EVANGELISTIC TRAINING EVENT AND CALLING PROGRAM

Our Evangelism Committee is planning a one-day retreat for Saturday, February 17 from 9:00 to 5:00 P.M. This is open to any member or friend of the church.

The purpose is threefold:

1. To lead disciples of our church to discover their own faith in Jesus Christ.
2. To provide an experience for expression of a living, deepened commitment and faith in Jesus Christ.
3. To teach laymen how to share their faith in Jesus Christ inoffensively and effectively through calling.

Persons interested in attending are invited to call the church office or Judie Passwater, Pauline Snyder, or Elsie Widler.

The noon meal will be provided. The calling program for March and April will be outlined. The four work areas of the day include Discovery, Commitment, Witness, & Visiting and will be led by Dr. Cline. This is a leaning opportunity coming early in the year of Key '73--Call and plan to participate!

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:

Thank you for your very generous gift of \$215.25 for our Home. We are most grateful for the thoughtfulness and concern shown for the welfare of our youngsters, and your kind gift will be of great help with their care.

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THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH SHARES IN
NICARAGUAN RELIEF THROUGH WEEK
OF COMPASSION

How reassuring to know that within 72 hours after the earthquake disaster in Nicaragua last December we personally were helping to minister!

Through Church World Service which manages a considerable portion of our Week of Compassion giving, the people were being helped.

Early shipments included 10,000 blankets, 100,000 pounds of clothing, and 2,000,000 water purification tablets. Also an experienced relief team was dispatched to the area.

It is expected that \$550,000 will be needed from churches around the world; and, in addition to \$10,000 which the Christian Church gave at once from Week of Compassion funds, we will likely give up to \$40,000 before this crisis has passed.

Next month, February 18-25, we will observe our annual Week of Compassion. At that time \$750 will be given from our Church Budget Giving to this "humanitarian arm" of the Church; also the opportunity for any of the congregation wishing to add to this amount to do so through Week of Compassion special envelopes. Keep this in mind!

ABOITE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.....
.....10:30 A.M. Sunday Worship
Rev. Traverse Chandler preaching
on Sunday, February 4.....

MRS. BIXENMAN TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR'S
MEETING

Mrs. Bixenman will be leaving on Wednesday, January 31, for the annual meeting of the Association of Christian Church Educators and the biennial National Event for Church Educators in Houston, Texas. These two events comprise a continuing education experience for Mrs. Bixenman's further development as a Christian Educator. She will be away until February 10.

DO YOU GET "THE CHRISTIAN"?

Are you now receiving THE CHRISTIAN by mail to your home? If you are not, and would like to be on the mailing list, please sign up on the bulletin board just outside the Church Office. Please sign up no later than February 11. If you are now receiving THE CHRISTIAN it is not necessary to sign up again. You will continue to receive it unless you notify us that you no longer wish to receive it.

SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

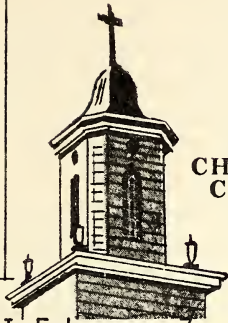
All men are invited to share in breakfast and sharing from 7:00 to 8:30 A.M. this Saturday at the church. Hugh Rice and Bill Love are hosts. A tape made by Lloyd Ogilvie, will be used to stimulate discussion. This tape is from the Dialogue with Men of Vision series.

SUNDAY EVENING GROUP NOTES:

---Junior Disciples will talk about Marching Feet. Everyone bring a friend and books for our book collection.

---Adult Study will deal quickly with Matthew 24 & 25 and begin the Gospel of John

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

10:00 A.M. Youth Discipleship Class

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:45 A.M. Church School

11:00 A.M. Divine Worship

3:30 P.M. New Member Orientation

5:30 P.M. Fellowship Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

10:00 A.M. Study Group

7:30 P.M. Wel-Kum-All Group,

Dorothy Ikenberry, 726 Wildwood

7:30 P.M. Study Group, Edna

Nordblom, 5319 S. Fairfield

7:30 P.M. Study Group #2, Russ

Wortleys', 2229 Drake

7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Ethel

Shroyer, 4821 Tacoma

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Ruby Cline,
5705 Fernwood

8:00 P.M. Montgomery Group,

Frances Eckert, 8619 Decatur Rd.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:30 P.M. Bible Study, Bill

Harrolds', 4623 South Wayne

7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Doris

Sauerwein, 4715 South Wayne

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NEIGHBORHOOD CHOIR SING TONIGHT

7:30 P.M., tonight, February 8,
is the Neighborhood Choir sing at
Simpson United Methodist Church,
Harrison & Suttentfield. This is
ecumenicity experienced in music.
All are welcome to join in this
special evening of music.

Churches participating include:

Christ United Methodist

First Christian Church

First Missionary Church

Grace United Church of Christ

Lincolnshire Church of the Breth-
ren

Peace Lutheran

St. John the Baptist Catholic

Simpson United Methodist

Music planned for the evening
includes "O Give Thanks", "Jesu,
Joy of Man's Desiring", "Lo, My
Shepherd is Divine", "God Is The
Light of the World", "My Eternal
King", "Lo, A Voice to Heaven",
"Sine Nomine", and "Give Unto The
Lord".

We rejoice in the participation
of our Chancel Choir in this event
and would encourage our people to
share this night of music.

SERVING FEBRUARY 11

Elders

8:30 A.M. Larry Barnes and
Robert Rayl

11:00 A.M. William Crouse and
James Ruble

7:00 P.M. Walter Keebortz

Deacons

8:30 A.M. R. Gerow, W. Gump, C. Hetrick, A.E. Huddleston

11:00 A.M. R. Johnson, W. Koeh-
linger, V. Moore, T. Ogles, R.
Russell, S. Cole, P. Yentes

Deaconesses

Marge Lehman and Delores Over-
myer

Ushers

8:30 A.M. G. Bruckman, R.
White, J. Weicker, M. Olson,

D. Smith, G. VanWagner
11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook,
D. Olson, H. Stevenson, D. Pass-
water, J. Sauerwein, M. Smith

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran 319 Mrs. Susan Craver
Ped. Robert Tulecki, 789 Mrs.
Fern Rittell

St. Joseph 905 Mr. Albert Wells

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED. . .

To Mrs. Irene Kissinger in the
death of her sister in Columbia
City on Sunday.

BIRTH:

To Emory and Susan (Presnell)
Craver, a son, Jamison Michael,
on February 4, 1973.

STUDY GROUP Persons interested
in a Thursday evening group are
invited for the SAS group at 7:30
Thursday, February 8. Call Dean
Widler, 432-3642, for information.

QUESTIONNAIRE FINAL CALL

We are asking for a response on
the questionnaires which were re-
cently mailed out by this Sunday
evening, February 11. Please mail
your return to the church immedi-
ately or bring it with you on Sun-
day and place it in the offering
plate, in office, or in mail box
in office hallway. We have been
gratified with the response of our
people on this questionnaire and
are anxious to receive a return
from every member and friend of
the church in so far as possible.
We believe that the information
will be of great help to our Plan-
ning Committee.

ADDITIONAL SERENDIPITY REGISTRANTS

Connie Wells, Dorothy Ikenberry,
Natalie Urich, Jim Taylor, and
Barbara Taylor have also registered
for this Workshop in Cleveland,
Ohio. Additional persons are en-
couraged to get a form and return
it with \$7 which is half of the re-
gistration. It is Saturday, March
10. 19 are now registered from our
church.

PRAY FOR TEAM MEMBERS

Don and Barbara Short, Dean and
Elsie Widler, Schellie Schell and
Val Williams are on the team this
weekend for the Adventure in Faith
program this weekend at the First
United Methodist Church in Valpar-
asio, Indiana, May our prayers
undergird their ministry in this
effort

SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Sermon "Affirming Worth
in a Person" Luke 7:1-10, 35-50.
These sermons on JESUS' STYLE FOR
US IN RELATIONSHIPS has aroused
interest and comment.

HELP WANTED

One of the tasks of the church is to open up opportunities for people to find expression of life through ministry both in the church and in the community. We invite your choosing and giving of yourself in one or more of the following:

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Helping a person to become literate. A LAUBACH TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP will be held on February 20, 22, and 23 (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) from 10:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. If interested call Mrs. Eugene Smith - 747-6056.

Relating to welfare mother. MOTHER-TO-MOTHER program of Change Through Involvement. Receive training and then be teamed with another woman to share with a welfare mother for mutual understanding and growth. Call church office 744-3239, Connie Wells 445-9953, or talk with Mrs. Bixenman about participation.

Relating to inner-city family. FAMILY-TO-FAMILY program of Change Through Involvement. A couple is trained and then assigned an inner-city family for mutual understanding and growth. Call church office 744-3239, Connie Wells 445-9953 or talk with Mrs. Bixenman about participation.

GIFTS TO CONVEY LOVE

THE PANTRY PROGRAM of our church is in constant need of foodstuffs for usage in our program of supplying emergency food and clothing needs upon recommendation of Social Workers of the Welfare Department when other aid cannot be secured. These may be placed in boxes in Fellowship Hall at all times.

BLANKET DRIVE FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE. Blankets are being received in receptacles at the doorways this month for usage in Church World Service relief. Within 72 hours of the Nicaraguan earthquake 10,000 blankets were on their way in the name of Christ. A gift of \$3.00 turned in to the office or to Gwynth Rice can be given to provide one blanket.

GIFTS FOR ALLEN COUNTY HEALTH CENTER. Receptacles are also at doorways for small personal items this week. These need to be received by Sunday evening, the 11th.

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SERVICE THROUGH CHURCH

Singing by children and youth. All children of grades 4, 5, & 6 are encouraged to sing in the CHILDREN'S CHOIR which rehearses each week within the Junior Disciple program on Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00. This choir will be singing in worship on February 25. Youth of grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12 are encouraged to rehearse in the YOUTH AND BELL CHOIR weekly from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Thursdays. This group will also sing in worship on the 25th.

KITCHEN HELP. Some women might like to prepare dishes at home and furnish food or some might be willing to handle special food preparation needs at the church. Interested women should call the church office and leave information - 744-3239.

EVANGELISTIC TRAINING AND CALLING. Persons are encouraged to take advantage of the Retreat planned for the 17th from 9:00 to 5:00 and then to assist with calling during March and April on five evenings. Call the church office if you have not already agreed to share in the Retreat.

CHURCH CALENDAR (from page 1)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6:30 P.M. All-Church Roller Skating Party, Class 58 sponsored, Roller Dome South

7:00 P.M. Youth and Bell Choir

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:30 P.M. Potluck Dinner:

All persons involved in small groups and their families.

Bring food and table service

SUNDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

The CYF will meet with Kathy and Cindy Bryan, 7135 Denise Drive from 3:30 to 6:00 P.M. It will close in time to return for Celebration Worship. This is a sharing meeting and will include a snack supper.

Junior Disciples will have a theme of "WAGGING TONGUES?"

Adults begin the Gospel of John in their New Testament study.

ROLLER SKATING PARTY

Class 58 is sponsoring a church-wide Roller Skating Party on Thursday, February 15th, from 6:30 to 9:30 P.M. at Roller Dome South, 4540 Bluffton Road. Admission is 75¢ per person and there is a charge of 50¢ for shoe skate rental. Tickets may be secured through Deanna Ruble or the church office. This event is for members and friends of First Christian. We would encourage this recreational activity for our people.

PANTRY NEEDS

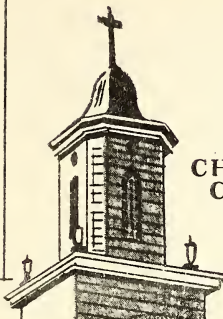
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Canned stew

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:30 P.M. Study Group Potluck

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group

9:00 A.M. Evangelism Retreat

10:00 A.M. Youth Discipleship Class

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:45 A.M. Church School

11:00 A.M. Divine Worship

5:30 P.M. Fellowship Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

1:00 P.M. Prayer, Share, Study
Group, 1147 Sheridan Ct.

7:30 P.M. Study Group #1, Walter
Keebortz's, 4760 Reed St.

7:30 P.M. Worship Committee

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

6:30 P.M. All Church Dinner

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

1:30 P.M. Prayer Group, Parlor

7:00 P.M. Youth and Bell Choir

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

Choir Party at Crowders', 1024
Olympia, after rehearsal

PANTRY NEEDS: Children's underwear
(size 6 through teens)

We must help
the "Have-Nots"
not only because
it is in our own
self interest -
but because it is Right.
(J.F.K.)

WEEK OF COMPASSION GIVING FEBRUARY 18-25, 1973

Our Week of Compassion giving through special envelopes and through the total Church School offering of February 25th is a part of "One Great Hour of Sharing" of the major Protestant groups in our land. Our Disciple Goal is \$950,000. First Christian is sharing \$750 of budget giving plus all received in the special offering of this week.

Your Week of Compassion giving helps to...work for peace, justice, and self-help for emergency feeding...provide housing and medical care for refugees...aid victims of natural disasters...teach, love, and extend Christian compassion.

SERMON AT 8:30 & 11:00:

"Valuing Another Person's Judgment"
Mt. 18:15-20; Mk 11:27-33, Jn 8:12-59

CELEBRATION WORSHIP 7:00 P.M.

SERVING FEBRUARY 18

Elders

8:30 A.M. Mark Snyder and
George Davis
11:00 A.M. Ralph Church and
Ray Fredericks
7:00 P.M. John Merrill

Deacons

8:30 A.M. A. Mowery, E.
O'Laughlin, L. Timbrook, M.
Finkhousen,
11:00 A.M. L. Johns, H. Banet,
M. Crouse, D. Andrew, M. Grimm,
R. Hendricks, R. Petty, D.
Pomeroy

Deaconesses

Betty Olson and Mary Sue Ludwig

Ushers

8:30 A.M. G. Bruckman, R.
White, J. Weicker, M. Olson,
D. Smith, G. VanWagner
11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook,
D. Olson, H. Stevenson, D.
Passwater, J. Sauerwein, M.
Smith

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: M-206 Eugene Klepfer
(surgery on Tuesday)
888-Judy Sites
St. Joseph: 631 Daniel Clifton
905 Albert Wells

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

James Louis Auman and Anita
Kay Petty on February 10, 1973.
They are residing at 5229 N.
Clinton St. 46805

DEATH OF MEMBER IN PENNSYLVANIA

Mrs. Fern Teeple died at
the home of her son on Monday,
February 5.

PANTRY NEEDS:

Canned or packaged main
dishes.

NEW MEMBER

During our Meditative Worship on
Sunday JAMES WAYNE STUCKEY, 928 W.
DeWald identified with us in a
transfer of membership from West
Creighton Christian Church. Jim is
a receiving clerk at Lincoln Life
Insurance Company. He was in the
last graduating class of Central
High School and lives at home with
his parents and one of his two old-
er sisters. He is interested in
hockey, sports, and coin collecting.
His zip is 04 and his phone is 745-
1002.

We have a deep concern that many
others will make commitments to
Christ or renewals of such commit-
ment by identifying in our congre-
gation for common worship, service,
and growth in Christ. Being a
Christian is to be "in Christ" and
to sense sufficient vitality of
life in him as the base that God
might work through each person so
that "his will be done on earth as
it is in heaven."

Decisions open the doors for God
to enter and work more fully in
human life. We invite decisions
regularly!

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mark Snyder and family in the
death of his mother, Mrs. Frimer
Snyder, last week. Funeral ser-
vices were held in South Whitley.

THANKS

Thanks for cards, calls, prayers,
and food brought in to us.

Joyce Crowe

MOVE BY FORMER MEMBERS

Larry and Erin Ganter have moved
to 1081 Alheim Drive, Schenectady,
New York, 12303.

SIGNIFICANT ACTION OF THE CHURCH BOARD ON FEBRUARY 6, 1973

Upon recommendation of the Sounding Board Committee, Mrs. Barbara Short was hired as Receptionist-Secretary on a regular basis subject to annual evaluation and Dr. and Mrs. Harold Cline and Mrs. Miriam Bixenman are to be sent by the congregation to the World Convention in Mexico City during 1974 with adequate budget provision for the same.

Several recommendations of the Information Services Committee were approved including the replacement of our Brotherhood bulletin backs with Concordia Focus bulletin service; the publishing of a Lenten Calendar and the personal distribution of the same among our resident membership; the provision of minutes and transactions by all church committees for information of office and staff and succeeding committee leadership; and the adoption of a key punch type card and system for office membership records.

The Church Board gave endorsement to the Lenten Evangelistic Training Retreat and Calling Program. It also approved entering into a contract for a new pictorial directory of the church membership under the Membership Committee.

The Treasurer's Report showed a deficit in the church operating budget of \$4,474.95 at the end of January in comparing receipts with projected income. The actual overspending of the budget stood at \$2,319.96 at the end of January. This deficit needs to be erased no later than this June 30th. Our January giving was \$248 per Sunday short of budget needs.

The elders announced a major effort through letters, phone calls, and personal visits towards "The Re-activation of Non-Participating Members." Efforts are being directed toward the 195 homes represented among our membership which had not been represented in worship participation during the first five Sundays of 1973. This is a major three-month program of trying to relate and care for persons.

The Information Services committee shared concerning a dream for the future of the church buying property to be used as a retreat center for educational and fellowship and renewal and meditative experiences among our congregation. Concern was to find property within about 20-25 minute drive from our church building with landscape which would be conducive to worship, reflection, and renewal.

Present were: Hugh Rice, Bert Leversee, Earl Plummer, Andrew Cook, Ralph Church, Fred Smell, Rolland Ripple, Rufus Quinn, Ray Fredericks, David Griggs, Harold Crowder, Walter Keebortz, Jim Ruble, Merle Rice, Ron Gerow, Tom Frappier, Art Huddleston, Max Finkhousen, Robert Hendricks, Walter Gump, Robert Johnson, Betty Grimm, Karen Flickinger, Judy Church, Edna Vaught, Harold Cline, Ron Flickinger, Jim Taylor, Colyn Crowder, Sally Cline, Judy Aker.

OFFICE FILES INCOMPLETE

We are needing the following copies of past Bulletins and Tidings for binding the years 1971 and 1972:

3 copies each of Tidings for July 1, 8, 15 22, and 29 for 1971.

3 copies each of the Sunday Bulletin for June 13, July 18, and July 25 of 1971

2 copies each of the Sunday Bulletin for January, February, March, and April of 1971.

1 copy each of the Sunday Bulletin for May, June, and July of 1971.

If you would have any of these, please may we have them for permanent office records. Bring them to the office.

YOUTH NOTES

CYF will meet from 5:30 to 7:00 in the youth room. The program will be one in group building and faith exploring, under the leadership of Schellie Schell, Val Williams, and Miriam Bixenman.

Chi Rho Fellowship will embark on a real adventure in Christian living. Come and see!

Junior Disciples topic this week is "Help! Help!" This group is exploring the theme, "God has no hands but ours to do His work today". Junior Choir will be a part of this meeting.

Youth Choir will meet on Thursday night from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Both Choirs are preparing to lead in worship music on February 25.

ALL CHURCH DINNER AND PROGRAM

The C.W.F. is sponsoring a church-wide dinner next Tuesday, the 20th, at 6:30 P.M. Bring adequate covered dishes to share and provide a bountiful meal along with your own table service. Baby-sitting will be provided during the meeting.

"Society's Dropouts" is the theme of the panel discussion. Leading us will be Kenneth E. Watson, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer; Mrs. Donna Ehrhorn, Director of Special Services; and Denny Meadows, Probation Officer. This program should be informative and thought-provoking for all.

ADDITIONAL SERENDIPITY REGISTRANTS

Bob Urich, Jim and Deanna Ruble have also registered for the Serendipity Conference on March 10 in Cleveland, Ohio. We would encourage others to join the 22 now registered. Most are driving over on Friday evening and then returning after the conference on Saturday evening.

LAY WITNESS TEAM MEMBERS

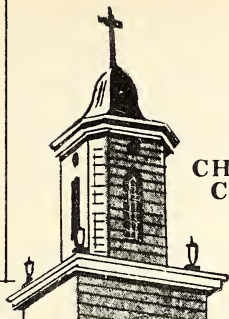
Peggy Buskirk, Judy Aker, Natalie Urich, and Jim Taylor are sharing team responsibilities for the Lay Witness Mission this weekend in Hammond-Highland Christian Church in Hammond, Indiana. Bob Isbell of Valparaiso is coordinator.

ROLLER SKATING PARTY

Class 58 sponsored Roller Skating Party is tonight the 15th at Roller Dome South from 6:30 to 9:30. Come and meet others for fun and recreation. The Choir Party at the Crowders has been postponed from the 15th to the 22nd.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10:00 A.M. Youth Discipleship Class

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:45 A.M. Church School

11:00 A.M. Divine Worship

5:30 P.M. Fellowship Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

10:00 A.M. Prayer Study Group

7:30 P.M. Study Group at Nordbloms, 5319
Fairfield Avenue

7:30 P.M. Wel-Kum All Study Group (not the
19th) Dorothy Ikenberrys, 726 Wildwood

7:30 P.M. Worship Committee

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:30 P.M. Long Range Planning Committee

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, at the Church.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

7 - 8 P.M. Youth Bell & Voice Choir rehearse.

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearse.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

1:30 P.M. World Day of Prayer, Simpson
United Methodist Church.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

10:00 A.M. Youth Discipleship Class

MONDAY, MARCH 5

7:30 P.M. Christian Education Committee

COUNTRY NEEDS - Canned Fruits



A Dale Fiers, our top national leader writes:

"I am never more appreciative of our great brotherhood of the Christian Church than I am when I see it sacrificially supporting the Week of Compassion; or when I am on some front of human need and realize the relief and rehabilitation efforts which I see are made possible because of the Week of Compassion.

"Our goal for 1973 is \$950,000. In reaching this objective we will make possible a worldwide program of meeting basic human needs that are cared for in no other way, and furthermore we will be prepared to meet the unknown emergencies that can strike during 1973 in who knows where, maybe the very place where you live."

WEEK OF COMPASSION GIVING -

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th.

ELDERS SERVING FEBRUARY 25

8:30 A.M. Fred Smell and Walter Keebortz

11:00 A.M. Earl Plummer and David Griggs

7:00 P.M. Harold Crowder

DEACONS

8:30 A.M. John Hechler, Robert Ogles, Thomas Frappier, Orie McDougale.

11:00 A.M. Edwin Allen, Walter Bowen, Romane Cole, Ronald Gerow, Walter Gump, Clarence Hetrick, A. E. Huddleston, Robert Johnson.

DEACONESSSES

Mrs. John Olson and Mrs. Charles Ludwig

USHERS

8:30 A.M. George Bruckman, Robert White, John Weicker, Mac Olson, Don Smith, Gale Van Wagner.

11:00 A.M. Marshall Smith, Jack Sauerwein, Don Passwater, Homer Stevenson, Doug Olson, Merland Heller, Andrew Cook.

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran:

410 Mr. Claude Crowell

496 Mrs. Beverly Hendricks

888 Mrs. Judy Sites

M-206 Mr. Gene Klepfer

ADDITIONAL SERENDIPITY REGISTRANTS:

Mrs. Jeanne A. Gerow. Any additional persons need to turn in card and money shortly.

LENTEN EVANGELISTIC TRAINING RETREAT:

We appreciate the time and efforts of our participants including: Val Williams, Schellie Schell Ralph & Judy Church, Hugh & Gwynth Rice, Roland & Genevieve Ripple, Dean & Elsie Widler, Mark & Pauline Snyder, Barbara Schrock, Don Passwater, Miriam Bixenman, Margaret Love, Bert Leversee, Merle Rice, George Davis, Harold Crowder, Deanna Ruble, Ron Gerow, Art. Huddleston, Don Short, Rosemary Krull, and Harold Cline. Bob Mansfield made a special presentation. Irene Cline and Fran Eckert manned the kitchen at noon.

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From Column One

Providing food were: Esther Clipp, Karen Flickinger, Reba Fusselman, Laura Marks, Fran Eckart, Ethel Birkhold, Betty Olson, Amelia Dare, Mary Cook, Sandy Zimmerman, Kathlyn Banet Vivian Crouse, Fern Strole, Grace Truby, and Ethel Lahmon. Mark Cook enlisted the food donations.

YOUTH NOTES

The combination Bell and Voice Youth Choir will rehearse this Thursday at 7:00-8:00 P.M. This choir will be singing this Sunday, as well as the Junior Choir. Everyone is needed in rehearsal.

CYF and CHIRHO will each have a sharing meeting this Sunday. CYF will also be having a business meeting. Be sure to come and learn about some very special plans!

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

Tickets for the Mother-Daughter Banquet, to be held March 20 in Fellowship Hall will be on sale each Sunday through March 11, at the coffee hour in Fellowship Hall and at your group meetings. Tickets are \$1.75 for adults and \$1 for children age 10 and under. LaVerne Hunt is ticket chairman.

If there are mothers or daughters who have a talent they would like to share for the program, please contact Ruth Ogles or Miriam Bixenman at once.

JESUS IS LORD CROSSES:

These are available with interpretations in church office for 20¢. There were some requests from our Lay Witness Mission.

ADDITIONAL LAY WITNESS TEAM:

Ben and Val Taylor joined our other four last weekend on the team at Hammond-Highland Christian Church.

ABOITE CHRISTIAN CHURCH -

Worship at 10:30 A.M. with guest speaker from Gideons organization.

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL SEMESTER TO BEGIN MARCH 4

The Christian Education Department is striving to offer a meaningful learning experience in Church School for every person and every age each Sunday. All classes will begin a new semester and a new unit of study on Sunday, March 4. We will continue to have classes for children and youth from Nursery (2 and 3 year olds) through Youth III (11th and 12th graders) with child care for those below 2 years old.

In the adult department persons may enroll in any of the following classes:

College and Career Class for all single young adults beyond high school, meeting on the east side of the Church Parlor, Room 230, Bill Franklin, teacher.

O.M.S. Class, for young adults, currently studying Creative Prayer, and meeting in Membership Secretary office, Room 302. Ruby Cline, teacher.

58 Class, studying the Christian Life Curriculum, "Finding Our Place in God's Order." meets in the east end of Fellowship Hall, Room 119, Jack Weicker, teacher.

Come Double Class, using the Uniform Lesson Series, which during March, April and May deals with the topic, "Affirmations of Our Faith". This class meets in the southwest corner of Fellowship Hall, Room 116.

Berean Class meets in the middle section of Fellowship Hall, Room 115, and is a Bible Study group taught by Jack Williams.

Progressive Class meeting in the chapel with Harold Crowder as teacher, uses a combination of the Uniform Lesson and the Christian Life Curriculum.

Friendly Class, a women's class meeting in the Church Parlor, Room 231, under the leadership of Jennie Morrical, using the Uniform Lesson Series.

ELECTIVE CLASSES:

Discipleship Class, taught by Dr. Cline, is a 10-week course of meeting in the room just north of Fellowship Hall. Room 120. A new series will begin March 18th. Class size is limited so please contact Dr. Cline concerning enrollment.

BREAKING FREE, A Serendipity class, taught for 13 weeks by Miriam Bixenman in the Christian Education office, Room 301. Number is limited to 12 participants, so contact Mrs. Bixenman for enrollment. This class is open to anyone 10th grade through adults. Participants in one of the Serendipity Conferences is not a requirement for enrollment, nor will this class be a repetition of work done in these conferences.

DARE TO LIVE NOW, a 13 week course for 10th grade thru adults, meeting in the minister's study. Room 201. The group will use the text from which the class name is taken and written by Bruce Larsen. Dean Widler will lead this elective study.

ENROLL IN THE CLASS OF YOUR CHOICE!

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY:

Sermon, "Accepting a Person As Is" Mt. 18: 21, 22; Mk. 2:23-28; Luke 10:38-42;
John 13: 3-16

Children's Choir and Youth and Bell Choirs leading in 11:00 Worship.

Ephesians 4:1-16 basis of Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M.



WEEK OF COMPASSION - SPECIAL GIVING

The total Church School offering this Sunday plus all special envelopes for Week of Compassion aids this once a year request for help in a broken world.

BE ... involved in your world

WITNESS ... to your faith

EXPRESS Christian compassion

GIVE the equivalent of one day's pay or more.

The joy of this giving is in the realization that literally thousands of self development projects and emergency aid responses are made possible. Some for instance include: \$10 provides a glass of milk per day for 5 children for one year; \$70 will build a house for a returned refugee in Bangladesh; \$100 will make possible the participation of a student in a summer voluntary service project. We have received \$206.05 in special giving to date. Let's go over \$750.

CLINE HOME ACQUAINTANCE AND SHARING GROUPS:

Last week letters went out inviting persons to make response and attend one of the final three such groups in my home if they have not yet participated on one of the 33 previous such groups. To date 354 different members have come into my home. We are asking that you call my home 747-6587 or the church office 744-3239, to set your time. Notice in the times below since the letter mistakenly suggested the Saturday group in the evening rather than the intended daytime of 2:00 P.M.

Wednesday, February 28 - 7:30 P.M.

Thursday, March 1, 7:30 P.M.

Saturday, March 3, 2:00 P.M.

Please take the initiative and call if you have not been in one of the previous groups. We want every member to feel invited and to share in one of these. My home address is 5705 Fernwood Avenue.

COMMUNITY SHARING IN OUR WORSHIP

Last Sunday morning, we used a responsive reading written by a children's church school class of a different church. Our current sermonettes for children are using banners made by our Chi Rho and CYF youth. We are anxious to open the door for any individual or group to prepare and share in worship. Write a hymn or a litany. Make a banner or poster. Contact me if you have a live incident of God at work in daily life which you or someone could share. Write down prayer concerns. Many appreciated the "Love Letter" written from Mrs. Vivian Johnson last week which we read in worship. Let us praise God for the actual things of life and experiences which are a part of us. I am asking your help in this area. Write and hand things to me or call or talk with me.

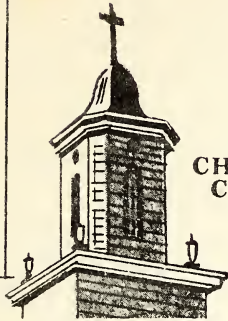
CELEBRATION WORSHIP REFLECTS GROWTH AND JOY AND ALIVENESS OF GOD

The last seven weeks have been a highlight in our Celebration Worship. The sharing of growing edges of Christian life and experience have been mutually helpful. Some persons have made tremendous steps of growth. We have heard from the 20 persons who have returned from Lay Witness Missions elsewhere. Love and celebration have not been a dead structure, but a living reality coming out of the participants. Any and all are invited each Sunday evening at 7:00 P.M.

SEE YOU SUNDAY IN ONE OF THE WORSHIPS!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group

10:00 A.M. Youth Discipleship

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:45 A.M. Church School

11:00 A.M. Divine Worship

5:30 P.M. Fellowship Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 5

7:00 P.M. Evangelism Calling

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 A.M. KEEPLE and SPICE Groups

(Spice Group notice time change)

Gwynth Rice, 7001 Premiere

7:00 P.M. Elders Meeting

8:00 P.M. Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

7:00 P.M. Evangelism Calling

7:45 P.M. Higdon Group, Ruby

Mowery, 6926 Premiere

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

7:00 P.M. Youth and Bell Choir

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned Foods



NEW CHURCH SCHOOL SEMESTER BEGINS

Our Church School opens a new semester at 9:45 A.M. this Sunday. In addition to the regular classes for adults and for the grade levels of children and youth, there are three elective classes scheduled for the coming three months. The clarion call is out for persons to take advantage of the learning opportunities of our Church School as well as many other educational offerings of the church.

The elective classes open the door for participatory and small group learning experiences. They also open the door for a wider choice of learning material. We invite persons to make a start in our Church School program.

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SERVING MARCH 4

Elders

8:30 A.M. John Merrill and
Merle Rice

11:00 A.M. Bert Leversee and
Rufus Quinn

7:00 P.M. Ray Fredericks
Deacons

8:30 A.M. W. Koehlinger, V.
Moore, T. Ogles, R. Russell

11:00 A.M. S. Cole, P. Yentes,
A. Mowery, E. O'Laughlin, L.
Timbrook, M. Finkhousen, L. Johns

Deaconesses

Betty Olson and Mary Sue Ludwig
Ushers

8:30 A.M. G. Bruckman, T. Banet
J. Kirsch, R. Flickinger, G. Hunt
M. Terry

11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook,
D. Allen, H. Stevenson, R. Clif-
ton, G. Bozarth, A. Smith

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran; M-106 Mr. Charles Hunt
410 Mr. Claude Crowell
496 Mrs. Beverly Hendricks

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Chester G. Norton, a long time member on February 22, 1973. Sympathy is extended to wife and family.

Charles G. Fusselman on February 26, 1973. Sympathy is extended to Earl, his brother who is a member of our congregation, as well as the widow and other family.

SEMINARY STUDENT EMPLOYED:

Ed Allen of our congregation has been hired as a Student Associate Minister at the Boulevard Christian Church in Fort Worth Texas where he is in Brite Divinity School.

ELEVEN COMMITMENTS DURING
INVITATIONS ON SUNDAY

The responses of Sunday were very gratifying and meaningful.

DENISE ORENE, DIANE ARLENE, and ROBERT DUANE WEDDELL, 9404 Lower Huntington Road, zip-09, confessed allegiance in Christ and were united with him in baptism. They are the children of Jerry Weddell of our congregation. Denise is a ninth grader at Homestead and is interested in Spanish and exchange student programs. Diane is an eighth grader at Homestead and interested in horses. Robert is a seventh grader at Homestead and likes models, is mechanically minded and likes football.

MEL AND BARBARA BUSSE, 4109 Robinwood, identified with us in a transfer of membership from West Creighton Christian Church. He is employed at Colonial Mortgage and she is supervisor of nursing for the 3-11 shift at Lutheran Hospital. Both have been singing in our choir and Mel has sung several solos. Their phone is 456-1868 and zip-06.

Expressing various commitments and renewal of commitment to Christ during Divine Worship were also Bob and Natalie Urich, Ben and Val Taylor, and Art and Ruby Mowery. We rejoice in the newness and healing of Christ in life and relationships. The Spirit is alive and working in persons. We rejoice in decisions of many kinds indicative of the surrender and growing opportunities for life in Christ. Decisions open doorways for God to work in new and changing ways. Praise God for his working among us!

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL SEMESTER BEGINS (From page 1)

As pupils are being enlisted, we are calling upon our Church School leaders and teachers to the following;

1. Be prompt in class to welcome and to begin.
2. Introduce and welcome newcomers and visitors.
3. Show concern when pupils are absent for any period of time.
4. Prepare so that there will be a meaningful encounter with Christ and his will for life.
5. Surrender your efforts to the desires and fulfillment by God.

ELECTIVE CLASSES FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS:

DARE TO LIVE NOW - This is the book title by Bruce Larson for this class led by Dean Widler. This will meet in the Pastor's Study, Room 201.

BREAKING FREE - This is the Serendipity course to be led by Mrs. Bixenman in her office, Room 301. It is a mini course on Christian liberation and freedom utilizing Bible study and interpersonal relationships. The Serendipity workshop in Cleveland is neither a prerequisite or a repeat of this course.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS - These repeated series will open a new group on Sunday, March 18th. Interested persons should contact Dr. Cline. It is open to any member, friend, or prospect of the church and meets in Room 120.

REGULAR CONTINUING ADULT CLASSES:

Friendly Class for older women in Room 231

Progressive Class for couples or singles in Chapel

Berean Class for Bible Study in Room 115

Come Double Class for couples or singles in Room 116

58 Class for couples or singles close to age 40 in Room 119

O.M.S. Class for younger adults in Room 302

College and Career Class in Room 230

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CLASSES:

Youth III for 11 and 12 graders in Room 332

Youth II for 9 and 10 graders in Room 331

Youth I for 7 and 8 graders in Room 330

Fifth and Sixth graders in Room 333

Third and Fourth graders in Room 130

Second graders in Room 132

First Graders in Room 133

Kindergarten Class for 4 and 5 year olds in Room 131

Nursery Class for 2's and 3's in Room 235

Crib Room for infants in Room 236

NOTICE TO TEACHERS

All Church School Teachers who did not pick up their materials for the second semester, which begins this Sunday, are asked to pick them up from Mrs. Bixenman's office this week. Materials left from the first semester (Perspective I, Semester I) in the children and youth departments are to be returned to Mrs. Bixenman by March 15. Please check your Teaching kit before turning it in to make sure it is complete.

YOUTH NOTES

All of our youth groups and choirs will meet at the usual times this week (check the calendar listing in this TIDINGS.)

CYFers are reminded to keep open two dates, March 30 & 31. March 30 and 31 is the statewide Youth "Feed In" in Anderson. Only 300 from the entire state can be accepted so it is important that we get our registrations in soon. Registration fee is \$2.50 and covers everything for the 24 hour period. We will be sleeping in the Anderson Church and meals will be served there. See Miriam Bixenman for registration information.

FEBRUARY AVERAGES:

Church at Worship	368
Church School	174
Budget Giving	\$1,399.54
Appeal Giving	220.03

CORRECTION OF ERRORS:

It was mistakenly typed last week that 20 had been our on Lay Witness Missions to date---it should have read 29.

On the Green Folder printed for Sunday on Spring Educational Program-1973, the First Grade Class taught by Mrs. Helen Clymore in Room 133 was accidentally omitted. Also the Thursday evening group meets weekly at 7:30 P.M. with the Widlers as convenors.

A LETTER TO ALL:

February 14

Dear Friends:

This is "Heart Day and our hearts are filled with such gratitude for the many prayers and notes from First Christian folk. You see, I believe one can feel prayer over the intervening miles. It has definitely helped us through some difficult days.

I am able to drive to the store and have an order which I have phoned in put in the car. When I get home I unfold my walker and push a cart into the apartment. Barton meets me at the door--he isn't out much--the frustration of not being able to talk. He is so sweet about it, but he has been so very ill. In spite of all that has happened we are both so grateful that we have had fifty years of service to our Master and there are still things for us to do.

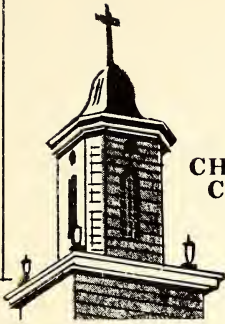
If possible put a note of thanks in TIDINGS for us. They have been so wonderful to remember us.

The Barton Johnsons

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

10:00 A.M. Youth Discipleship

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:45 A.M. Church School

11:00 A.M. Divine Worship

5:30 P.M. Fellowship Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 12

10:00 A.M. Study Group, Parlor

1:30 P.M. Change Through Involvement Interpretation, Parlor

7:00 P.M. Evangelism Calling

7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Faye Woodhull, 2301 Fairfield, Apt. 212

7:30 P.M. Study Group, Sara Davis, 4610 Hessen Cassel

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Opal Perkins, 729 Union Street

7:30 P.M. Information Services

8:00 P.M. Montgomery Group, Sara Davis, 4610 Hessen Cassel.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

7:00 P.M. Evangelism Calling

7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Miriam Bixenman, 1810 Chartwell

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 P.M. Youth and Bell Choir

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

LENTON SEASON OPENS

Christianity entered yesterday into this time of preparation for the celebration of the climatic acts of Christ's life including his death and resurrection. We extend a call to all who wear his name to express a loyalty in worship, study, prayer, stewardship, and service in these weeks.

Some persons have made Lent a time to refrain from some activity or habit. Perhaps a better posture is to add some new dimension to your Christian life and commitment. Let us step out in firmness to stand up for the one who came to bring God and the fuller life to us.

WORSHIP AT 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Sermon: "Risking Self for Others" John 10:11-18; Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 9:57-62; 18:18-30.

CHURCH SCHOOL AT 9:45 A.M. Join the 200 who began a new quarter -- semester last week.

CELEBRATION WORSHIP AT 7:00 P.M. Participation and warmth and an awareness of God working characterize this highlight.

SERVING MARCH 11

Elders

8:30 A.M. Ralph Church and
Eugene Klepfer

11:00 A.M. Earl Plummer and
Andrew Cook

7:00 P.M. Fred Smell

Deacons

8:30 A.M. H. Banet, M. Crouse,
D. Andrew, M. Grimm

11:00 A.M. R. Hendricks, R.
Petty, D. Pomeroy, J. Hechler,
R. Ogles, T. Frappier, O. Mc-
Dougle, E. Allen

Deaconesses

Judy Aker and Doris Sauerwein

Ushers

8:30 A.M. G. Bruckman, T.
Banet, J. Kirsch, R. Flickinger,
G. Hunt, M. Terry

11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook,
D. Allen, H. Stevenson, R. Clif-
ton, G. Bozarth, A. Smith

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: M-106 Mr. Charles Hunt
410 Mr. David Overby

4 West-Ped. Robert Tulecki

Parkview: Entering 3-7 for sur-
gery on 3-8, Mrs. Maude Miller

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

James L. Presnell, Jr. and Pat-
ricia Ann Brown in the Chapel on
March 3, 1973. They are residing
at 5702 Mason Drive.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Rosemary Krull in the death
of her grandfather last week.

To Rufus Quinn in the death of
his aunt last week.

To the family of Fern Rittell
who died and whose funeral was
held in Valparaiso. She was on
our Special Care List.

THREE RESPONSES TO INVITATION

MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL A. TERRY,
3919 Robinwood Drive, identified
with us in transfers of membership
during Meditative Worship. Mike
comes from a Methodist Church in
Muncie and earlier from First Bap-
tist there. Nancy comes from
North Highlands Church of Christ
and earlier from the Edon Meth-
odist Church. Mike is a graduate
of Ball State and is now a fore-
man at International Harvester.
Nancy is in the home with Jennifer
Renee' who was one on Saturday.
Their phone is 745-5282 and their
zip is 06.

MRS. MARY JO WEITZ, 4140 Ind-
iana Avenue, transferred from the
Methodist Church in Ada, Ohio.
Mary Jo was reared in a Christian
Church in Ohio, has a degree from
Ohio Northern in Ada, and does
substitute teaching. Her husband,
Lowell, has a Ph.D. in music and
has taught in college before
health limitations forced him to
stop. They have two children,
Beth in the fifth grade and Tina
who is 5. Their phone is 456-6153
and their zip is 07.

We welcome these decisions
among us and encourage others. If
there are questions about basic
surrender of life to Christ or mem-
bership transfer, please feel free
to call the pastor at 744-3239.

MINISTER EMERITUS ADDRESS:

The current address for Rev. and
Mrs. Barton A. Johnson is:
3908 Lori Drive. Apt. C-7
Erlanger, Kentucky, 41018

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY RESPONDS TO OUR ANNUAL BUDGET GIFT OF \$200

"From around the world, new opportunities arise to share God's Word. Your latest gift of \$200.00 from First Christian Church, which we do gratefully acknowledge, helps us meet the needs.

For example, we learned recently of a great spiritual awakening among members of the South Korean Armed Forces. During the past five months, over 30,000 have been baptized. In response to urgent requests from chaplains, we have authorized the provision of 500,000 New Testaments for Korean armed forces personnel--a project outside our regular budgeted amounts for 1972.

Another emergency project is the supply of Scriptures to Asian students. Recognizing the urgent need to communicate the life and teachings of Christ to students in Asia, the Bible Societies have released \$144,375 in emergency funds to produce special editions of the Selection, "The Man You Cannot Ignore," (selected passages from the Gospels) in 13 countries and 28 languages.

As the American Bible Society meets similar needs and spiritual opportunities in the conduct of its worldwide Scripture program your continued support and prayers are earnestly sought.

Faithfully,
John D. Erickson

EMILY E. FLINN HOME RESPONDS TO GIFT OF \$215.25 FROM CHRISTMAS TREE

"Your gift of \$215.25 to the Emily E. Flinn Home is gratefully acknowledged. This gift, along with the regular support from other individuals and churches makes our program of services to the elderly possible. Your gift will be used to advance the care and security of "Your Other Family" residents in our Home.

We deeply appreciate your continuing support of this benevolent ministry to the elderly. We covet your continued concern. If we can be of service to you or to the church, please call on us.

Sincerely,
George L. Florence, Administrator

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HAVE YOU????

- . . . Called anyone in the interest of Christ this week?
- . . . Reported to the church office a newcomer in the community?
- . . . Talked to friends about what Christ is doing among us?
- . . . Invited anyone to come with you on Sunday?
- . . . Been friendly to every stranger you saw at worship Sunday?
- . . . Done an act of love or kindness to someone this week?
- . . . Phoned or written someone to let them know you care?
- . . . Prayed for someone by name that Christ might grow in him?

WORSHIP - A CRUCIAL BEGINNING POINT

All of Christianity affirms worship both as the center of the corporate life of the church and the individual life of the Christian. Worship is not the sum total or end result of Christianity. Yet, it is a crucial first and regular part of the Christian way.

Our Christian faith is based upon the reception of God's action gift in the person of Jesus Christ. We accept an incredible love which God offers to us. Our receiving of love brings upon us the natural response of adoration, praise, gratitude, and appreciation which are basic in the worship of God.

Christianity is not merely a subject for discussion and study. Nor is it simply a moralistic ethic. It has a sharp focus upon decision and the winning of an understanding allegiance to Christ. This basic relationship then is to be nurtured in faith and life. We need to tie ourselves with Christ and His Church by actions such as those expressed in worship.

A person committed to Christ expresses that tie in the usage of time, talent, and means. Apart from the worshipping congregation, the church does not find qualified teachers, leaders, workers, and servants. The failure to express worship is consistently matched with a lack of commitment to the depth needed for the health of the church program. Somehow in worship we can find the basis for a responsible stewardship of all of life.

All of this is not saying--come to worship and all is well automatically. Rather, we are affirming that our worshipping God with His people is a crucial starting point in giving ourselves to God responsibly as His children.

Harold E. Cline

TWENTY FIVE TO CLEVELAND

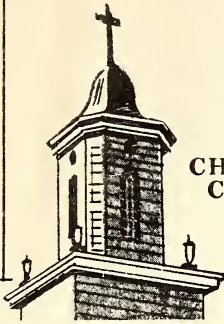
Attending the Serendipity Workshop this Saturday are: Judy Aker, Jeanne Gerow, Dorothy Ikenberry, Marge Lehman, Barbara Schrock, Barbara Taylor, Jim Taylor, Connie Wells, Nancy Wortley, Harold and Ruby Cline, Jim and Deanna Ruble, Merle and Bea Rice, Don and Barbara Short, Ben and Val Taylor, Bob and Natalie Urich, Jack and Janet Weicker, Dean and Elsie Widler.

ON LAY WITNESS MISSION

Schellie Schell and Val Williams are participating on the team of a Lay Witness Mission at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kokomo, Indiana, this weekend coordinated by Harry Dawson. Pray for these girls in their efforts for others.

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED FRUIT

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group
10:00 A.M. Youth Discipleship
6:30 P.M. Progressive Class
Potluck Dinner

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:45 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Divine Worship
5:30 P.M. Fellowship Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 19

7:00 P.M. Evangelism Calling

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

6:30 P.M. Mother-Daughter Banquet

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

7:00 P.M. Evangelism Calling

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

7:00 P.M. Youth and Bell Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Sounding Board Committee

PANTRY NEEDS: Dry Milk
Peanut Butter
Fruit Juices

COME SING: "PASS IT ON"

Our March Hymn of the month reflects some of the love and its impact being felt in our church. Sing it Sunday!

1. It only takes a spark to get a fire going--And soon all those around can warm up to the glowing--That's how it is with God's love--Once you've experienced it--you spread His love to everyone; You want to pass it on.
2. What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding--The birds begin to sing; The flowers start their blooming--That's how it is with God's love--Once you've experienced it--you want to sing It's fresh like spring; You want to pass it on.
3. I wish for you my friend this happiness that I've found--You can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound--I'll shout it from the mountain top I want my world to know; The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

SERMON FOR MARCH 18
"Willing to Receive" Matthew
21:28-44; Luke 10:4-9, 18:9-14;
John 13:3-16

SERVING MARCH 18

Elders

8:30 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Cecil Rice

11:00 A.M. William Schilling
and Harold Crowder

7:00 P.M. David Griggs

Deacons

8:30 A.M. W. Bowen, R. Cole,
R. Gerow, W. Gump

11:00 A.M. C. Hetrick, A.E.

Huddleston, R. Johnson, W.

Koehlinger, V. Moore, T. Ogles,

R. Russell, S. Cole

Deaconesses

Judy Aker and Doris Sauerwein

Ushers

8:30 A.M. G. Bruckman, T.

Banet, J. Kirsch, R. Flickinger,

G. Hunt, M. Terry

11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A.

Cook, D. Allen, H. Stevenson,

R. Clifton, G. Bozarth, A.

Smith

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 491 Mrs. Connie Wells

St. Joseph: 468 Mr. Kenneth

Timmons

Parkview: 308 Mrs. Maude Miller

504 Mrs. Sadie Kattas

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED. . .

To Rex Clifton and family in
the death of his father, Harry
Clifton, in Wren, Ohio.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To Robert and Penny Beachley
a daughter, Valerie Edeon, on
March 7, 1973.

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Howard G. Jenkins, Pastor of
the Walton Christian Church, on
3/9/73. He was ordained in 1927
and served long pastorates in

LAST CALL--TICKETS FOR

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

Call today, Donna Johnson (456-
2366) for reservations for the din-
ner at 6:30 P.M., Tuesday, March 20.

Program participants include:
Sue Allen, Ruby Cline, Debbie Allen,
Ethel Flowers, Kim Johnson, Denise
Schrock, Claudia Weiss, Diana Wort-
ley, Laura Aker, Janice Benny, Dawn
Schrock, Vee Parlette, Schellie
Schell, Val Williams, Brenna Ruble,
Becky Buskirk, and Barbara Short.

Also involved in this occasion
are Dorothy Ikenberry---corsages,
Chi Rho Fellowship and Fellowship
Guild-decorations, the Montgomery
Group-hostesses, Nelson and Kepple
Groups--program and worship, and
Progressive Class preparing and
serving the dinner.

Much is in store so call in your
reservations now. Guests welcome
and encouraged. This is THE ANNUAL
MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET!

GRADED FELLOWSHIP STUDY - 5:30 P.M.

CYF will do a depth Bible Study
on the prodigal son and how the
story speaks today. On the 25th,
the group will meet with Schellie
Schell. Turn in money now for the
statewide "FEED IN" at Anderson on
March 30, 31.

CHI RHO will work on a special
project towards the Mother-Daughter
Banquet.

ADULTS will begin the study of
Acts in its New Testament survey.

Simultaneous are also JUNIOR
DISCIPLES, CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR,
and CHILD CARE.

Delphi and Greentown, Indiana.

CHURCH BOARD NOTES FROM MARCH 6, 1973

The action of the Church Board of one year ago was amended regarding our Sunday Worship Schedule. The following schedule was adopted for a year-round schedule beginning April 1, 1973:

- 8:15 A.M. - Meditative Worship
- 9:30 A.M. - Church School
- 10:45 A.M. - Divine Worship
- 7:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship, except for Memorial Day and Labor Day Weekends and June, July and August when it will be held at 8:00 P.M.

Note that this schedule does not begin for two weeks--It begins in April and indefinitely into the future.

Much time was given to studies prepared for the Planning Committee. A Worship Attendance Study of January and February showed:

- 79 Members worshipped eight or more times in two months.
- 126 Members or 32.9% worshipped seven or more times.
- 132 Members or 34.4% worshipped four to six times.
- 125 Members or 32.6% worshipped one to three times.
- 345 resident members, 38 Special Care persons, 135 non resident members, and 218 unknown address memberships worshipped 0 times.
- Of our 726 resident members able to worship, 52.6% worshipped once or more and only 38.4% worshipped weekly. This is less than 40% average for the total American population.

80 persons or 22% of the worshippers each Sunday were non members. YET, PRAISE GOD our worship averaged 360 per Sunday which is over 50% increase above the 1970-71 church year average of 238.

A Giving Study for the Calendar Year of 1972 indicated:

276 giving households and 342 giving units

Weekly Giving

- 8 households gave \$30.01 or more
 - 20 households gave \$20.01 or more
 - 45 households gave \$10.01 or more
 - 58 households gave \$1.00 or under
 - 85 households gave \$2.00 or under
 - 149 households gave \$5.00 or under
- If only 276 giving households would tithe our giving would be \$263,580 annually. If only half of a tithe, our giving would jump to \$131,790. If all households of our membership would tithe our total income would be over \$650,000 annually.

A motion sustained the Education Committee in refusing a Nursery School proposal and a motion moved the April meeting to April 10 to free Board members to attend the Community Bible Rally at Dwenger High School on April 3.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

KEY 73 BIBLE DISTRIBUTION - Sunday, April 8, 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

The call is out to enlist at least 104 persons to help distribute the Luke-Acts Scriptural portions in our neighborhood as a gift of the churches of our community. We have 54 who have signed up to date. Call the church office or fill out a form and place in the offering plate next Sunday. We are inviting youth of grade 10 and above to assist. This is a one-time effort and we need help. The task will be to give the Bible as a gift of the churches of the community and ask one question or to place the Bible on the door in a plastic bag, if the people are not home.

FIRST CHRISTIAN BLOOD DRIVE - Thursday, March 29th, 12:00 to 6:00 P.M.

Sign up by calling the office or sign in Church School on Sunday. The blood will be given at the Regional Blood Center, 1212 E. California Road. Please let us know that you will help in this service.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY

NEW DISCIPLESHIP CLASS BEGINS SUNDAY - 9:45 A.M. in Room 120

This is a 10 week elective group taught by Dr. Cline in which basic issues of the Christian faith are presented, discussed, as well as group interaction. It is designed for prospective members, members desiring a look at basics, couples to be married, or any other interested person. If you have questions, contact the pastor. Please feel free to come and join this group for the next ten Sunday mornings. Open to high schoolers and adults.

"TO KNOW GOD" - 8:15 A.M. for the next 10 Sundays in the Education Office

This is a special study utilizing the book by the title written by Campbell Wycoff and taught by Mrs. Bixenman. This class offers growth opportunities for those wishing to increase their understanding of God and to develop a deeper sense of relationship with him. To enroll, simply come to the Christian Education office this Sunday morning at 8:15 A.M.

LENTEN PRAYER COVENANT OPPORTUNITY

The Pastor invited last Sunday to share a three-fold PRAYER COVENANT throughout the Lenten Season ending on Easter, April 22.

1. Surrender yourself to God right now with abandon.
2. Renew that surrender daily throughout this covenant.
3. Pray in behalf of the pastor daily and he will be praying for your surrender and walk with God each day.

If anymore are interested in participating, please call the pastor, speak to him, or write "Lenten Prayer Covenant" and your name and hand to him or drop in offering plate.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

- 10:00 A.M. Youth Discipleship
1:45 P.M. Chi Rho Swimming Party

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

- 8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:45 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Divine Worship
5:30 P.M. Fellowship Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 26

- 10:00 A.M. Study Group, Parlor
1:00 P.M. Prayer, Share, Study
Group, Mary Sue Ludwig, 2722
Glencairn
7:00 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:30 P.M. Koinonia Study Group
Don Shorts', 3714 S. Monroe

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

- 7:30 P.M. Planning Committee

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

- 7:30 P.M. Bible Distribution
Training, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

- 12:00 Noon - 6:00 P.M. BLOOD
DONOR DAY, 1212 California Rd.
7:00 P.M. Youth and Bell Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

TO EVANGELIZE IS TO ENCOUNTER



We believe something is stirring. Our Lenten Calling program has caused our people to come back from personal calls with a sense that God's Spirit is alive and working. More is happening than just the efforts of the callers. We rejoice in the homes in which the calls have been made. We trust that a relationship of love and life fulfillment in Jesus Christ may emerge at the center of each and every one of us. We feel that there is movement from routine or empty Christian form and from deadening institutionalism to dynamic new life in Jesus Christ. Praise God for signs of life!

LAST SERMON OF SERIES MARCH 25

"Love Where Needed" Luke 7:31-35; Mark 14:3-9;

John 11:17-44

SERVING MARCH 25

Elders

8:30 A.M. James Ruble and
William Crouse

11:00 A.M. Robert Rayl and
Larry Barnes

7:00 P.M. Merle Rice

Deacons

8:30 A.M. S. Cole, P. Yentes,
A. Mowery, E. O'Laughlin

11:00 A.M. L. Timbrook, M. Fink-
housen, L. Johns, H. Banet, M.
Crouse, D. Andrews, M. Grimm,
R. Hendricks

Deaconesses

Judy Aker and Doris Sauerwein

Ushers

8:30 A.M. G. Bruckman, T.
Banet, J. Kirsch, R. Flickin-
ger, G. Hunt, M. Terry

11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook,
D. Allen, H. Stevenson, R.
Clifton, G. Bozarth, A. Smith

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview 308 Mrs. Maude Miller

Lutheran 467 Mr. John Freed

491 Mrs. Connie Wells

4-West Robert Tulecki

M-119 Mrs. Donna Johnson

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Brett Alan McClain and Debra
Lee Marshall on March 17, 1973.
They are residing at Apt. #5,
2712 E. Paulding Road.

NEW JOB

Greg Allen has been made
Assistant Manager at Birchwood
Farm Lodge at Harbor Springs,
Michigan. Congratulations!

PANTRY NEEDS:

CANNED FRUITS

CANNED VEGATABLES

PRAY FOR THOSE SHARING IN MISSIONS

This weekend, March 23-25, Dean
and Elsie Widler are going to
Bethany, Missouri, to share in a
Lay Witness Mission coordinated by
a close friend from Kansas.

Also this weekend, Ray and
Sharon Fredericks, Ethel Allen and
Barbara Taylor are going to First
Christian Church in Kendallville to
share in the Mission being coordin-
ated by Harry Dawson.

Let us pray for these as they
go!

CALLING ALL 3, 4, 5 and 6 GRADERS

FROM 11:45 until 2:15 this
Saturday, all children of these
school grade groups are invited for
(lunch,) games, choir practice, and
activity. Both our Children's
Choir and our Youth and Bell Choir
are leading in our Divine Worship,
at 11:00 A.M. this Sunday.

WOMEN TAKE NOTE

There is talk of a chartered bus
to a Statewide CWF Retreat from
9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., Saturday,
April 14, in Indianapolis. Plan
NOW!

THANKS. . .

Thanks to all who sent cards,
notes and offered prayers during my
recent hospital stay.

Bev Hendricks

ABOITE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Worship each Lord's Day at
10:30 A.M. Traverse Chand-
ler will be preaching reg-
ularly through Easter.

SUMMERTIME ACTIVITIES WORKSHOP

The Summertime Activities Workshop sponsored by the Associated Churches Christian Education Committee this year will be held at the First Wayne Street United Methodist Church from 9:00-11:30 A.M. on Thursday, March 29. All those who are in any way involved in our summer program are urged to attend. This includes Vacation Church School, camping activities, adventure days, field trips, etc., There will be child care during this workshop. Dr. Cline and Mrs. Bixenman jointly will be leading the workshop on camping, retreats, and small group activities. Included on the Associated Churches committee planning the event are Margaret Love, Barbara Short, and Miriam Bixenman.

YOUTH NOTES

Our CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP (for all 7th, 8th, and 9th graders) will enjoy a swim party this Saturday afternoon, March 24. Meet at the home of sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Taylor, 5215 Werling Drive at 1:45 P.M. Parents may pick youth up there at 4:00 P.M. The group will swim from 2:00 to 3:30 P.M. at the SE Family Branch of the YMCA, 5125 Werling Drive. Cost is 75¢ per person. Guests are invited, but you must let Mrs. Taylor know if you are bringing a guest.

This Sunday evening the CHI RHO group will make cookies for some church friends. Everyone come! We need your help.

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YOUTH NOTES (continued)

CYF will meet as usual this Sunday from 5:30-7:00, carrying on from the discussion last week as to how youth can become more involved in the life of First Christian Church.

YOUTH CHOIR will rehearse on Thursday from 7:00-8:00 P.M. Both this choir and the JUNIOR CHOIR will sing this Sunday.

Our JUNIOR DISCIPLES enjoyed making 24 wooly worm toys, which they have sent to the Cleveland Children's Home.

PAPER SALE

Our CHI RHO youth are sponsoring a paper sale on Saturday, March 31. Bring newspaper to the church anytime before 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 31. Your donation will be appreciated.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION

With the school vacations early in April, we should have only few of our people out of town during Holy Week. One highlight will be our Maundy Thursday Communion which will be held in homes according to the geographical groupings of our congregation. This will be at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, April 19. Our elders, deacons, and deaconesses will be leading in our homes as we gather in groups of about a dozen to interact on the meaning of Communion and to share with one another and with Christ as host in each location. Say "Yes" to hosting a group in your home or to other requests for participation and leadership. All can mark calendars for time and date NOW!



Dear Friends:

13 inches of snow combined with winds up to 58 miles an hour on Saturday blocked persons from worship and study on Sunday. We rejoice in the 226 who were able to be present. Our parking lot was scraped on Saturday and was in pretty good shape. Our three worships each week give opportunity to worship even if prevented at the 11:00 hour. Let's be present this Sunday and bring others with you. We can invite and encourage others to share our experience of Christ. TRY WORSHIPPING REGULARLY!

May I discuss a very important matter regarding the weekly church paper, THE TIDINGS. Normally, the editing is done as early as possible on each Monday. It is important that information concerning coming events of other items be written and to the office by Sunday evening. Place copy in my box or that of Mrs. Short. Two items of journalism might be suggestive. 1) Names are news. Use as many names as possible concerning programs and events and participants. 2) Normal style is the inverted pyramid. Tell important and necessary facts early. Lesser details should be last. It is difficult to tell the whole story of the church each week. Help us by submitting information for THE TIDINGS regularly in writing by Sunday evening.

WE WANT BLOOD! This is not a football cheer when in the heat of a game between rivals. This is a need for health and healing among persons. Our church is sponsoring BLOOD DONOR DAY on Thursday, March 29, from 12:00 to 6:00 P.M. The blood will be donated at the Regional Blood Center, 1212 E. California Road. Please share in this helpful ministry to others. Call Tom Frappier, 485-8574, for final information and instructions.

KEY 73 BIBLE DISTRIBUTION. We are combining with Grace United Church of Christ to distribute the Luke-Acts Scriptures to the 2313 homes in our assigned area. We are inviting youth of Grade 10 and above and adults to share this responsibility. All contacts will be done in pairs. Some will work with members of our neighboring church, and some may go with mates. Will you call the church office, 744-3239, if you can help--We need 42 more persons! Please share in this phase of Key 73 in which we are seeking to confront our continent with the good news of Jesus Christ. Note these times and dates and places:

7:30 P.M. Wednesday, March 28 - Training Session for all Bible Distributors in Fellowship Hall of First Christian Church.

2:00 P.M., Sunday, April 8 - Distribution Afternoon with final instructions and materials at Grace United Church of Christ.

Child care will be provided for all needing it.

May we hear from you on this?

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

9:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Sale

10:00 A.M. Youth Discipleship

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

5:30 P.M. Fellowship Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 2

7:00 P.M. Evangelism Calling

7:30 P.M. Wel-Kum-All Group,
Miriam Bixenman, 1810 Chartwell

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Martha
Cole, 7430 U.S. Highway 24 W.

7:30 P.M. Key 73 Bible Rally

Bishop Dwenger High School

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Gretchen
Chamberlain, 2903 Central

7:00 P.M. Evangelism Calling

7:45 P.M. Higdon Group, Alyce
Buchshuber, 508 Lavina St.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

9:00 P.M. Youth and Bell Choir

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

8:30 P.M. Brummel Group

ANTRY NEEDS: CANNED SOUP
BREAKFAST CEREAL

NEW SUNDAY TIMES

8:15 A.M. - MEDITATIVE WORSHIP

9:30 A.M. - CHURCH SCHOOL

10:45 A.M. - DIVINE WORSHIP

These are new year-round times for Sunday morning as determined by our Church Board. Please note the moving forward by 15 minutes this Sunday morning schedule. Our Graded Fellowship Groups at 5:30 P.M. and our Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M. continue on at the same time for the present but will change on May 27.

We had 96, 256, and 37 in our worships last Sunday. We hope that we will regularly go over 500 during this Easter month of April. Worship God regularly. You need to be worshipping God and others need your encouragement in worship together. Each Lord's Day celebrates Christ's resurrection victory. Let us praise God together!

SERVING APRIL 1

Elders

8:15 A.M. Ray Fredericks and
Rolland Ripple

10:45 A.M. George Davis and
Fred Smell

7:00 P.M. Eugene Klepfer

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Petty, D. Pom-
eroy, J. Hechler, R. Ogles

10:45 A.M. T. Frappier, O.
McDougle, E. Allen, W. Bowen,
R. Cole, R. Gerow, W. Gump, P.
C. Hetrick

Deaconesses

Penny Beachley and Helen Williams

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, T. Banet,
J. Weicker, G. Hunt, D. Smith,
G. VanWagner

10:45 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook,
D. Allen, H. Stevenson, D. Short,
G. Bozarth, S. Rayl

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview 308 Mrs. Maude Miller
St. Joseph: 408 Mr. Orlie Conner

211 Mrs. Sue Allen

Lutheran: 329 Mrs. Harriet Ashe

Attending the STATEWIDE YOUTH
"FEED IN" this Friday and Satur-
day in Anderson are: Debbie
Allen, Doug Allen, Sally Cline,
Pam Meadows, Doug Olson, Schel-
lie Schell, Barbara Taylor, Jim
Taylor, Lee Ann Urich, Val Wil-
liams, Miriam Bixenman, and
Walter Keebortz

ON LAY WITNESS MISSIONS

Don and Judie Passwater also
were on the team at Kendallville
last weekend. This weekend,
Andrea Benny, Marge Lehman and
Chad Cline are at Trafalgar
Christian Church on a team co-
ordinated by Harry Dawson. ---

TWO RESPOND TO INVITATION

MR. and MRS BERNARD NORMAN,

9204 Greenleaf Drive, 46819, phone
747-2449, came forward in transfer
of membership. They identified
from Warren Hills Christian Church
in Indianapolis. Bernie graduated
from I.U. last year and is teach-
ing Distributive Education at Elm-
hurst High School. Pat is in the
home with Jeanne Marie who arrived
on the scene on Christmas Day of
1971. We welcome this couple into
our fellowship.

Easter Season is normally a
highlight time for people to make
public commitment of life to
Christ. We invite decisions each
Lord's Day. If there are ques-
tions or a desire to talk our is-
sues, please call the pastor at
744-3239 or 747-6587.

MARCH AVERAGES

Worship	317
Church School	174
Budget Giving	\$1615.03
Appeal Giving	218.81

MARCH ADDITIONS:

Michael Terry, Nancy Terry,
Mary Jo Weitz, Bernie Nor-
man, Pat Norman

CHI RHO PAPER SALE

Don't forget to bring your news-
papers to the church no later
than 9:00 A.M. this Saturday.
This is the last paper sale be-
fore the end of the school year.

Ruby Cline is on a team at Union
Chapel Christian Church near Frant-
lin, Indiana, coordinated by Lyle
List. Pray for these who go.

KEY 73 BIBLE RALLY

A Community-wide focus on the Word of God will be held at Bishop Dwenger High School next Tuesday, April 3, at 7:30 P.M.

Rev. Richard Wurmbbrand will speak at this Rally at 1300 E. Washington Center Road. He spent 14 years in Rumanian Communist prisons because of his Christian preaching. After his release, he came to our country where he now heads the organization, "Jesus to the Communist World." He will have a thrilling story to tell of his work in distributing Scriptures behind the iron curtain.

A massed choir, composed of members of eight churches of our area of Fort Wayne including our own, will present three anthems. This is a kick-off for the Community Wide Bible Distribution on Sunday, April 8.

C.W.F. REGIONAL RETREAT - April 14

This retreat for women is from 9:00 to 3:30 P.M., Saturday, April 14, at Northwood Christian Church in Indianapolis. Registration including lunch is \$3.50. Contact Judy Aker so that she can have our women registered by Monday, April 9.

Heading the program are Dr. Thomas Liggett, President of the United Christian Missionary Society; Mrs. Walter Bingham, a Black member of the Fraternal delegation to Asia, and Mrs. James Craddock, Vice-President of International CWF.

Opportunities are to hear the keynoters, share in group discussions, make new friends, elect regional CWF officers, and meet Dr. Lester McAllister, whose book on the history of CWF goes on sale for \$1.75 that day.

NOMINEES--NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Our Church Board Chairman, Hugh Rice, will conduct a brief business session during the three worship hours this Sunday, April 1, to receive nominees for the nominating committee for our church officers. Nominations will be received this Sunday, and a vote will be taken on Sunday, April 8. Any number of nominees is acceptable. If there are more than two, a ballot will be used to elect on the following Sunday.

The two elected persons from the congregation will be joined with two appointees by the church board chairman. These four select a fifth person. These five, with the minister as advisor, form the Nominating and Election Committee. The election will be a part of the congregational dinner and meeting set for 5:30 P.M., Sunday, May 6.

CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE

Hugh Rice, Chairman of the Church Board has appointed the following to serve on a committee to make revision of our church constitution which was voted to be done during 1973. Members include: Janes Ruble, William Love, Robert Ogles, Janet Weicker, Sara Davis, and Mildred Hartman. Ex officio members are Hugh Rice as Board Chairman and Harold Cline as Senior Pastor. The first meeting of this committee will be Tuesday, May 1, 1973. Any suggestions for revision can be submitted to any committee member.

MILK CARTONS NEEDED

The Kindergarten Department needs your empty clean milk cartons. Place in boxes at entrances.

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Friends in Christ;

Sunday opens the spring and Easter month of April. Several of our folk will be returning from Florida shortly. We likely will have no more 13 inch snows and sharp winds like two weeks ago. Flu and sickness seem to be on the ebb. This is a good time to be in worship of God for all five Sundays of this

Easter month. If you are out of town worship where you are. If you cannot worship at one hour, come to one of our other worship hours on Sunday. Each of our hours--8:15 A.M., 10:45 A.M., and 7:00 P.M. are full worships centering in the Lord's Supper. Talk up the 15 minute change this Sunday so we all arrive on time.

I have appreciated the many comments from the past series of sermons on "Jesus Style For Us in Relationships". Some have indicated that they have touched the central fibers of living and relationships.

This Sunday, I am beginning five sermons which are designed to examine our personal response to central issues of the Christian faith. They combine issues of this Christian season with personal decision and action. I invite your study of the background Scriptures, your regular hearing, and your personal interactions and reactions.

Sunday, April 1

"What Am I Doing With Jesus?" - Luke 9:28-36; Matthew 22:41-46

Sunday, April 8

"What Am I Doing With My Sin?" - Mark 10:35-45; Romans 5:6-21

Sunday, April 15 - PALM SUNDAY -

"What Am I Doing With God's Grace?" - Romans 6:1-14; Ephesians 2:4-10

Sunday, April 22 - EASTER SUNDAY

"What Am I Doing With God's Victory?" - John 20:19-29; I Corinthians 15:1-58; Philippians 3:8-11

Sunday, April 29

"What Am I Doing With My Life?" - Galations 5:1,13-26; Hebrews 12:1,2

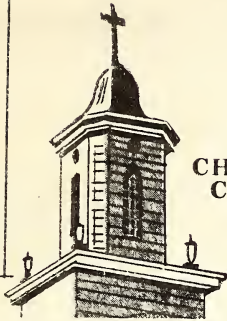
Some of the signs around the church are most encouraging. 1) Sharing at Celebration Worship makes evident significant Christian growth and deepening experiences by persons. It is glorious when God's Spirit makes people blossom forth as never dreamed. 2) The comradery and concern for persons evidenced by our callers in homes is wonderful. There is a concern that Jesus Christ be the focal point of life and not merely a shallow church membership campaign. There is concern for valid commitment and experience in Christ. 3) The spontaneous response of so many to persons in the time of need is gratifying. Concrete expressions of love and caring concern seem to be on the increase in our fellowship. This is especially true where persons have found close personal relationships through face-to-face groups and experiences. I praise God for these signs of new life in Christ!

See you Sunday!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group
10:00 A.M. Youth Discipleship

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
2:00 P.M. Bible Distribution
5:30 P.M. Fellowship Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 9

10:00 A.M. Study Group, Parlor
7:00 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Pearl
Heidecker, 4001 Indiana Ave.
7:30 P.M. Study Group, Mildred
Kessler, 805 Poplar

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Maude
Donohue, 2724 Hoagland
7:00 P.M. Elder's Meeting
8:00 P.M. Board Meeting
8:00 P.M. Montgomery Group, Betty
Olson, 4725 South Wayne

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 A.M. New Daytime CWF Group,
Parlor
12:00 Noon Associated Churches
Board Meeting
7:00 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Vee Par-
lette, 4006 Tacoma

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Lent is a preparation time for the climax of Good Friday and Easter. It is an appropriate time to be asking serious questions about life and relationship with God. Questions can lead to life-freeing and life-opening decisions. We believe that Jesus comes to free us from shackles and to bring us life and relationships which are full and joyous. I trust that each one will make his own pilgrimage to find the reality of Christ and his way during this Lenten season.

This Sunday's sermon is "What Am I Doing With My Sin?" Study Mark 10:35-45 and also Romans 5: 21.

REMEMBER NEW WORSHIP TIMES FOR
SUNDAY MORNING: 8:15 and 10:45.

SERVING APRIL 8

Elders

8:15 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Earl Plummer

10:45 A.M. Walter Keebortz
and Mark Snyder

7:00 P.M. James Ruble

Deacons

8:15 A.M. A.E. Huddleston, R.
Johnson, W. Koehlinger, V. Moore,

10:45 A.M. T. Ogles, R. Russell,
S. Cole, P. Yentes, A. Mowery,
E. O'Laughlin, L. Timbrook

Deaconesses

Helen Williams

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, T.
Banet, G. Hunt, D. Smith,
G. VanWagner

10:45 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook,
D. Allen, H. Stevenson, D. Short,
G. Bozarth, S. Rayl

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

St. Joseph: 506 Mr. Orlie Conner
Lutheran: 688 Mrs. Goldie Schlatter

STAFF ON GO: Mrs. Miriam Bixenman participated in a Camp Director's Training on Monday and Tuesday at Indian Lake.

Dr. Harold Cline is taking a week of vacation from Sunday afternoon through Friday night of this week, but is including no Sundays off.

CONGRATULATIONS: Val Williams was elected secretary of the Indiana CYF Commission last Saturday in Anderson.

TWO RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

MRS. WILLIAM (MARY LOU) HARTZLER
5201 Fairfield, 07, phone 456-3680, came in a reaffirmation of faith and life in Christ. She was originally from the Christian Church in Sullivan, Indiana and later belonged to Wayne Street Methodist here in the city. Mary Lou is a homemaker and a 4th grade teacher at South Wayne Elementary. Her husband has a Sporting Goods Store and they have sons, Ted and Bob in South Side High School.

MRS. NICOLAS (MARTHA JANE or MARTY) KNORR, 3502 Indiana Ave., 07, phone 456-8094, identified in a transfer of membership. She was reared in the Little Flower Catholic Church in Indianapolis and later belonged to St. Luke's Lutheran here in the city. She is in the home with sons, Nicky-5, Robbie-3, and Jimmy-2. Her husband is a staff manager for National Life and Accident Insurance Company.

We welcome these in common commitment and obedience in Christ.

THANKS:

My thanks to all those who sent cards, offered prayer for me and brought food for us during my recent hospital stay.

Connie Wells

THANK YOU:

Thank you for your prayers and many acts of love given to our family.

Bob and Donna Johnson

COMMUNITY BIBLE DISTRIBUTION SUNDAY, APRIL 8

Our people will join with members of Grace United Church of Christ to cover our area from Rudisill to Petit and from Lafayette to the river. We meet at 2:00 P.M. at Grace United Church of Christ, Lexington and Webster to receive final instructions and Bibles so that we can go forth in the afternoon and complete this task. We invite others to join in the effort. Please call the church office immediately so that Name Tags and other plans can be made. Several of our people will join the Aboite Church in covering their areas at the same time. Our persons working in this effort include the following: (These are according to our records and we are counting on each one--if others can help, call the office now--we need more help!)

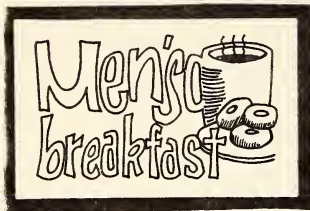
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Rex Clifton	Walter Keebortz	Schellie Schell ✓
Harold Cline ✓	Linda King ✓	Don & Barbara Short ✓
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Judy Ford ✓	Harold & Edna Nordblom ✓	Janet Weicker ✓
Tom Frappier ✓	Doug Olson	Helen Williams ✓
Ray & Sharon Fredericks ✓	Judie Passwater	Val Williams ✓
Leslie & Hortense Futterer	Rufus & Marguarite Quinn ✓	Nancy Wortley ✓
		Delmas Young

IMPORTANT PREPARATORY CHURCH BOARD MEETING -

Tuesday, April 10, 8:00 P.M. Since all church board members are being asked and will be assigned to the various 24 different home communions on Maundy Thursday, much of the meeting on Tuesday evening will be a preparatory experience for this leading out among our whole congregation.

In addition to this experience, there are several important business items as well as regular reports. All Board Members--Tuesday, the 10th, at 8:00 P.M. in the Parlor!

7:00 A.M., Saturday, April 7 is the next Men's Breakfast---men gather regularly on the first and third Saturday of each months. "The Dialogue with Men of Vision"



this week will feature Bruce Larson, author and until recently the president of Faith at Work. The

tape is twelve minutes, so most of the time is spent in interaction, sharing and prayer.

CALL FOR WOMEN TO NEW GROUP

A new Daytime CWF Group is forming at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, April 11 in the Parlor. Babysitting will be provided. This is being formed by women who prefer a daytime meeting and need babysitting. Caome--the door is open for any interested women.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE RESCHEDULED

Due to rain and no enclosed truck, the Chi Rho paper drive will be Saturday, April 14. Youth should be here at 8:00 A.M. Additional papers may be brought until 9:00 A.M. that Saturday.

CHI RHO SKATING PARTY

There will be a Chi Rho Skating Party on Saturday, April 14, at the Roller Dome South. Youth should meet at the church at 12:45 that day.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

7:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Sounding Board Committee

MEMBERS OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO BE VOTED ON THIS SUNDAY

Nominations were taken at all three Worship Services on Sunday for the two congregational representatives to the Nominating Committee. Those nominated were: Charles Ludwig, Barry Nordblom, Jim Taylor, Barbara Schrock, Walter Keebortz, Ray Fredericks, and Nancy Wortley. Voting will be for two persons by paper ballot this coming Sunday, April 8. There will be opportunity to vote in each of the three Sunday services.

OPEN DOOR TO ASSOCIATED CHURCHES

The monthly board meeting of Associated Churches will be a noon meeting on April 11 in our building. Any of our people are welcome to sit in on this meeting. We rejoice in the new Executive hired by Associated Churches to begin in June--Rev. Melvin Phillips. Ralph Church of our congregation is assistant treasurer and served on the Search Committee to secure a new Executive.

APRIL 8 IS CANCER FIGHTING SUNDAY

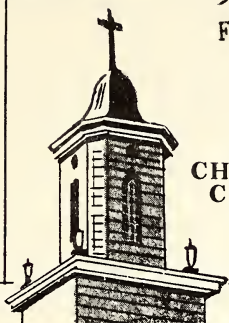
April 8 has been proclaimed Cancer Fighting Sunday in Allen County. We can help fight cancer in three important ways: Pray for victims, pray for an answer to cancer, fight cancer with knowledge.

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED PEAS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 A.M. Chi Rho to Church for
Paper Sale.

10:00 A.M. Youth Discipleship

1:00 P.M. Chi Rho Skating Party

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 PALM SUNDAY

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

5:30 P.M. Fellowship Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 16

7:00 P.M. Evangelism Calling

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

1:00 P.M. C.W.F.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

7:00 P.M. Evangelism Calling

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

7:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday Communion
in homes of the congregation and
in the church parlor

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

1:00 - 2:30 P.M. Good Friday Service

ANTRY NEEDS: CANNED FRUITS AND
VEGETABLES



JOIN IN PALM SUNDAY PRAISE!

Our Children's Choir and Youth
and Bell Choir will be leading
during our MEDITATIVE WORSHIP at
8:15 A.M. on Palm Sunday.

The Chancel Choir will be sing-
ing for our DIVINE WORSHIP at
10:45 A.M.

Dr. Cline will be preaching on
"What Am I Doing With God's Grace?"
at both morning worship exper-
iences. Decisions and baptisms
are expected.

The CELEBRATION WORSHIP at
7:00 P.M. is a participatory ex-
perience with God and one another.
"Discovering Spiritual Gifts" is
the special focus through self-
discovery and small group inter-
action.

Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!"

SERVING APRIL 15

Elders

8:15 A.M. Rufus Quinn and
Bert Leversee

10:45 A.M. Merle Rice and
John Merrill

7:00 P.M. Glenn Miller

Deacons

8:15 A.M. M. Finkhousen, L.
Johns, H. Banet, M. Crouse

10:45 A.M. D. Andrew, M. Grimm,
R. Hendricks, R. Petty, D. Pom-
eroy, J. Hechler, R. Ogles, T.
Frappier

Deaconesses

Helen Williams

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, T.
Banet, J. Weicker, G. Hunt,

D. Smith, G. Van Wagner

10:45 A.M. M. Heller, A.

Cook, D. Allen, H. Stevenson,
D. Short, G. Bozarth, S. Rayl

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 691 Mr. Charles Hunt
327 Mrs. Lucille Branstrator

DEATHS IN MEMBERSHIP:

Mrs. Goldie Schlatter, a long-
time member died on the 4th. The
pastor conducted services on Fri-
day. Her husband and mother died
last October.

Mr. Orlie Conner, who trans-
ferred here from Markle, died on
the 4th. Services were in Kenton,
Ohio. Sympathy is extended to
wife, Cloe.

DEATH OF FORMER CUSTODIAN:

Mr. Floyd Boschet died on
April 2. Sympathy is extended to
his wife. Mrs. Boschet also ex-
presses appreciation for the kind-

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION COMPLETED

82 of our people shared in this
effort Sunday afternoon and receiv-
ed a favorable response in most all
cases. Additional persons not pre-
viously listed who assisted in be-
half of our congregation were:
Barbara Schrock, Debbie Nordblom,
Mildred Hutchison, Ed Allen, Bill
Love, Helen Reynolds, Hellon and
Alton Bouse, Bob Johnson, Carole
Overmeyer, John Rakes, Bea Rice,
and Deanna Ruble.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

This is the last call for news-
papers. They will begin load-
ing out of the church at 8:00
on Saturday---Get them here be-
fore that time.

C.W.F. REGIONAL RETREAT

Judy Aker, Judy Church, and Jea-
ne Gerow are participating this
Saturday, the 14th, in the CWF Re-
gional Retreat at Northwood Christ-
ian Church in Indianapolis.

PASTOR PREACHING AT NORTH CHRISTIAN

On Tuesday, April 17th, at 7:30
P.M., Dr. Cline will be preaching
for the North Christian Church.
They are having special services
during Holy Week.

CHURCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elected by the congregation or
appointed by the Board Chairman to
the Nominating Committee are Ray
Fredericks, Charles Ludwig, Jim
Taylor, and Nancy Wortley.

ness and sympathy shared by the
church family.



When it was evening

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION 7:30 P.M.

APRIL 19

The sharing of the Lord's Supper with a sharp focus on the evening before his betrayal and crucifixion when Jesus shared the meal in the upper room will be done across our community next Thursday evening. All are invited to a home

from which you have received a phone call or one near to you or to the church parlor. Please note and keep this listing of places.

02, 03, 04	Mrs. Rosemary Krull	3466 S. Washington Rd.	432-6181
03, 46700, 06	Mrs. Anna Taylor	2808 Drexel Drive	745-0232
04	Mr. & Mrs. James Heiney	5712 North Ridge	432-5967
04	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ogles	3322 Rosewood Dr.	432-3969
05	Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Place	1130 Columbia	433-6903
05	Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Rice	3402 River Forest	748-1994
05	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ludwig	2722 Glencairn	483-3010
05, 15, 25	Mr. & Mrs. Fred Smell	4126 Roxton Lane	485-0148
06	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Terry	3919 Robinwood	745-5282
06	Mrs. Laura Marks	4705 Lafayette Esp.	456-1733
06	Mr. & Mrs. George Davis	4610 Hessen Cassel	446-7321
16	Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Futterer	10744 U.S. 27 So. #118	639-3523
16	Mr. & Mrs. Rex Clifton	3525 Contesse	447-3482
07	Mr. & Mrs. Herb Banet	933 W. Oakdale	744-0486
07	Mr. & Mrs. Terry King	234 N. Seminole Circle	744-8038
07	Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Zimmerman	4223 Beaver	744-5698
07	Mr. & Mrs. Leland Higgins	5010 Woodhurst Blvd.	744-0601
08 and 18	Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Montgomery	716 Archer	427-7102
09	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Keller	9604 Coverdale Rd.	747-4411
19	Mr. & Mrs. James Kirsch	1021 Olympia Drive	747-4666
19	Mrs. Barbara Schrock	7528 Breckenwood	747-3711.

Choir and Any Person or Area - Church Parlor

Share in one of these intimate experiences of the Lord's Supper focusing on Scripture, discussion, prayer, and mutual serving of Christ's Body and Blood!

PUSH TILL JUNE 30th

CHURCH YEAR BUDGET \$94,600.00

INCOME TO DATE 66,460.39

Needed in 11 Sundays \$28,139.61

We need generous giving of over \$2,500 weekly to meet our budget! Thanks for a catch-up start the last two weeks!

ABOITE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Aboite Church handled all of their Bible Distribution last Sunday.

Rev. Traverse Chandler is preaching regularly for worship at 10:30 A.M. each Sunday.

CAMPS AND CONFERENCES

Summer has not yet arrived in Indiana, but it is time to plan for our youth to attend Camps and Conferences this summer. Registration for all such events is on a first come, first served basis, so early registration is a must to be assured of a place in the event of your choice. Letters and folders will be mailed to all youth who will be entering grades 5-12 next fall during the coming week. Cost of all camps is \$40.00, of which this church will pay half. See Mrs. Bixenman for registration blanks and get your registration blank and fee in soon. Make checks payable to First Christian Church. Events at Barbee for these age levels are as follows:

5th and 6th grades, July 1-7 and July 15-21

7th and 8th grades, July 8-14 and July 22-28

9th and 10th grades, July 29-August 4 and August 12-18

11th and 12th grades, August 5-11

All events are for those entering the grades posted. Additional events for each age level at other camp grounds will be listed in the folders to be mailed. Mrs. Bixenman will direct the 5-6 camp July 15-21 at Barbee and we will have counselors at least at this event and at the 11-12 conference listed. If you could help at any of the others, please contact Mrs. Bixenman. These events are all interdenominational events, sponsored jointly by the Christian Church, the United Church of Christ, and the Presbyterian Church.

YOUTH NOTES

CYFers will be working throughout the coming weeks on their variety show which will be given on Sunday afternoon, May 20, in Fellowship Hall. All youth in 9th grade through college age are invited to take part in this show. Simply come to CYF this Sunday.

The DISTRICT I CYF will be meeting here at our Church on Friday evening and Saturday, April 27 and 28. The meeting will start with registration at 6:00 P. M. on Friday and end with the evening meal on Saturday. Housing will be in the church.

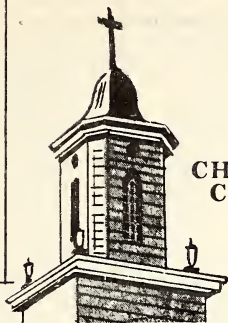
YOUTH NOTES, continued

CHI RHO members are asked to be at the church Saturday, April 14, at 8:00 A.M. so that we can finish selling our papers. Then, Saturday afternoon, meet at the Roller Dome South on the Bluffton Road at 1:00 P.m. for the skating party. Please note the change in plan, and meet at the Roller Dome instead of the church as previously announced. Bring \$1.25 for skating and shoes. Parents may pick youth up there at 4:00 P.M.

On Sunday, CHI RHO members will deliver the gifts they have made to some shut in friends. Be here promptly at 5:30 P.M.

YOUTH CHOIR WILL REHEARSE ON THURSDAY, AT 7:00 P.M. THEY WILL BE LEADING IN THE MEDITATIVE WORSHIP ON PALM SUNDAY.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

1:00 P.M. Good Friday Services

7:30 P.M. Nominating Committee

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

5:30 P.M. Fellowship Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 23

7:00 P.M. Evangelism Calling

7:30 P.M. Koinonia Group, Ron
Akers', 6226 Covington Rd.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

7:30 P.M. Planning Committee

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

7:00 P.M. Evangelism Calling

7:30 P.M. Study Group, Jerry
Zimmermans', 4223 Beaver

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

7:00 P.M. Youth and Bell Choir

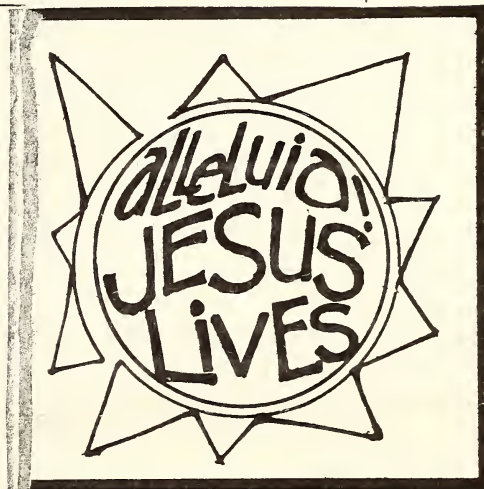
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

6:00 P.M. District CYF Retreat
begins here

PAENTRY NEEDS: Breakfast Cereal
Dry Milk

(A note: Please be sure cloth-
ing brought for the Pantry is
in good condition with sizes
marked.)



PRAISE GOD - JESUS LIVES! SING AND
WORSHIP THE TRIUMPHAL LORD OVER SIN
AND DEATH! LOVE AND LIFE REIGN!

8:15 A.M. MEDITATIVE WORSHIP
Children's Choir, Youth & Bell
Choir

9:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL FOR ALL

10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP
Chancel Choir - Trumpets
MORNING SERMON: "WHAT AM I DOING
WITH CHRIST'S VICTORY?"
John 20:19-29

7:00 P.M. CELEBRATION WORSHIP
A joyous celebration of the res-
urrection and his living presence
in the lives of his people today.

SERVING APRIL 22

Elders

8:15 A.M. Andrew Cook and
Hugh Rice

10:45 A.M. Eugene Klepfer and
Ralph Church

7:00 P.M. Earl Plummer
Deacons

8:15 A.M. O. McDougale, E.

Allen, W. Bowen, R. Cole

10:45 A.M. R. Gerow, W. Gump, P.

C. Hetrick, A.E. Huddleston,

R. Johnson, W. Koehlinger, V.

Moore, T. Ogles

Deaconesses

Helen Clymore and Karen Flickinger

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, T. Banet,

J. Weicker, G. Hunt, D. Smith,

G. VanWagner

10:45 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook,

D. Allen, H. Stevenson, D. Short,

G. Bozarth, S. Rayl

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran; 597 Mr. Charles Hunt

770 Mrs. Audrey Helmuth

327 Mrs. Lucille Branstrator

417 Mr. Emil Crebb

Aboite Member:

689 Mrs. Edith Black

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Mr. Chalmer Hamrick on 4-12-73.
He was a close friend of Mr. and
Mrs. Ralph Reynolds of the congrega-
tion.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Barbara Short and fam-
ily in the death of her aunt on
Sunday, April 15, in Oklahoma.

ON LAY WITNESS MISSION:

Val Williams served on the
Youth Team for the Lay Witness
Mission at Bethany Church of the
Brethren, New Paris, Indiana, on
this past weekend.

THREE RESPOND TO INVITATION

Three of our youth expressed pub-
lic commitment to Christ as Lord
and Savior of life during Meditative
Worship on Sunday. They all sing in
our Children's Choir.

CAROL ANN CLINE, the daughter of
Dr. and Mrs. Harold Cline, 5705
Fernwood made her confession of
faith and will be baptized on Easter
Sunday during Meditative Worship.
Carol is a sixth grader at Indian
Village Elementary, likes swimming,
and is in 4-H work.

REBECCA RICHARDSON, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson, 4813
Devonshire Drive, made her confes-
sion and was baptized during the
early worship last Sunday. Becky is
a sixth grader at Village Elementary
likes dolls, and in in 4-H.

DENISE LOUISE SCHROCK, daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schrock, 7528
Breckenwood made her confession and
was baptized also on Sunday. She is
a sixth grader at Maplewood School,
collects buttons, likes swimming,
baton and basketball, and is in Girl
Scouts.

We welcome these commitments
among us and would encourage others
Sunday or in coming weeks. If there
are questions or concerns about sur-
render of life to Christ or member-
ship transfer, please contact Dr.
Cline by phoning 744-3239 or 747-
6587.

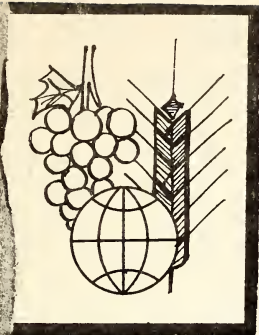
CHURCH BUDGET PUSH BY JUNE 30th:

We are trying to make our budget
giving by June 30th. Every ex-
tra dollar, \$5, \$50, or \$500 are
needed.

CHURCH YEAR BUDGET \$94,600.00

INCOME TO DATE 68,106.76

NEEDED IN 10 SUNDAYS 26,493.24



MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION 7:30 P.M.

Share in one of the 22 locations where there will be an intimate worship experience recalling Christ's institution of the Lord's Supper with his disciples.

LOCATION

PRESIDING

Church Parlor for any persons desiring to come to church building

Mrs. Rosemary Krull	3466 S. Washington Road	Harold Cline
Mrs. Anna Taylor	2808 Drexel	Miriam Bixenman
Mr. & Mrs. James Heiney	5712 North Ridge	Larry Barnes
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ogles	3322 Rosewood Dr.	Merle Rice
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Place	1130 Columbia	John Merrill
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Rice	3402 River Forest	Rufus Quinn
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ludwig	2722 Glencairn	Cecil Rice
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Smell	4126 Roxton Lane	Ray Fredericks
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Terry	3919 Robinwood	Fred Smell
Mrs. Laura Marks	4705 Lafayette Esplanade	Mark Snyder
Mr. & Mrs. George Davis	4610 Hessen Cassel	Walter Keebortz
Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Futterer	10744 U.S. 27 So. #118	George Davis
Mr. & Mrs. Rex Clifton	3525 Contesse	Ralph Church
Mr. & Mrs. Herb Banet	933 W. Oakdale	Robert Rayl
Mr. & Mrs. Terry King	234 N. Seminole Circle	Hugh Rice
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Zimmerman	4223 Beaver	Rolland Ripple
Mr. & Mrs. Leland Higgins	5010 Woodhurst Blvd.	Harold Crowder
Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Montgomery	716 Archer	David Griggs
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Keller	9604 Coverdale Road	Andrew Cook
Mr. & Mrs. James Kirsch	1021 Olympia Drive	Bert Leversee
Mrs. Barbara Schrock	7528 Breckenwood	Gene Klepfer
		Jim Ruble

NEIGHBORHOOD GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP 1:00 to 2:30 P.M.

This is one of the eleven cooperative Good Friday worship experiences across Fort Wayne. Dr. Cline will preside and short meditations will be brought by Rev. Olden Mitchel, Rev. David Colgan, and Rev. William Caldwell. Mrs. Don Parlette will be at the organ console.



OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES:

CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES - 2:00 P.M. at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church - Pageant "Remembering Jesus"

OTHER COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES (from page 3)
YOUTH GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES - 4:30 to 5:15 P.M. at First Wayne Street

United Methodist Church - Contemporary Worship experience.

ST. JOSEPH TOWNSHIP - St. Joseph United Methodist Church - 1:30 to 2:30

NORTHEAST - Forest Park United Methodist Church - 1:00 to 2:00

NORTHWEST - Trinity United Methodist Church - 1:00 to 2:00

NORTH SUBURBAN - Agape Church of the Brethren - 1:00 to 2:00

CENTRAL CITY - Union Baptist Church 12:00 to 3:00

SOUTH CENTRAL - South Wayne Baptist Church - 1:00 to 2:00

SOUTH - First Christian Church - 1:00 to 2:30

WAYNE DALE - Waynedale United Methodist Church 1:00 to 2:30

TIME CORNERS - Aldersgate United Methodist Church - 1:00 to 2:30

CHURCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee composed of Virginia Bruckman, Ray Fredericks, Charles Ludwig, Jim Taylor, and Nancy Wortley will meet with Dr. Cline to begin its work to have nominees for church officers to be elected on Sunday, May 6. Any suggestions for officers should be conveyed to them immediately. They are meeting at 7:30 P.M. this Friday, the 20th.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

As approved by the church board several months ago, our church is entering into a program whereby every member family will be invited to have a family portrait taken for inclusion in the new church pictorial directory. Color family portraits may be purchased. A copy of the directory is available at no cost to every member family included in the directory. The family portraits will be taken on May 10, 11, & 12. Appointments will be set early in May. The program enables us to have pictures to help identify and become acquainted with one another. It will also include a new and up-to-date listing of our entire mem-

SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING

The Church School offering on Easter and the special envelopes both in our regular sets and the pew envelopes for Easter go for a special over and above outreach offering through Unified

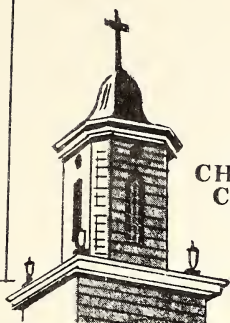


Promotion of the Christian Church. Ministry through this offering includes such as the following:

- Ministerial Relief to 125 on inadequate incomes.
- Short Term Employment Experiences in Ministry for youth to test vocation choice by working in churches.
- Assistance to Seminary students in Pension Fund.
- Interest-free loans from Board of Church Extension to such as fire-gutted Third Christian of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

bership. Mrs. Sharon Fredericks is heading the special committee in cooperation with Judy Church, Membership Chairman, and Merle Rice, Information Services Committee.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

6:00 P.M. District Youth Retreat

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

3:30 P.M. New Member Orientation

5:30 P.M. Evening Fellowship Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 30

7:00 P.M. Evangelism Calling

7:30 P.M. Church Directory

Telephoning Committee

TUESDAY, MAY 1

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Martha

Cole, 7430 U.S. 24 West

7:30 P.M. Constitution Revision

Committee, Parlor

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

9:00 A.M. New CWF Group, Parlor

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Hortense

Stevenson, 5022 Gardenvue

7:45 P.M. Higdon Group, Kathryn

Banet, 933 W. Oakdale

THURSDAY, MAY 3

7:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Cheri

Barnes, 1547 Knox, New Haven

SATURDAY, MAY 5

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group

DISTRICT C.Y.F. RETREAT

Our CYF is hosting this event for CYF youth of District I from 6:30 P.M. this Friday through 6:00 P.M. on Saturday.

SUNDAY WORSHIPS -- APRIL 29

Worship each Sunday celebrates the resurrection fact join us at 8:15 A.M., 10:45 A.M., or 7:00 P.M.

Morning Sermon, "WHAT AM I DOING WITH MY LIFE?" Galatians 5:1, 13-26; Hebrews 12:1,2.

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER -- MAY 6

5:30 P.M. PITCH-IN DINNER followed by introduction of members, singing, budget action, election of officers, and interaction on needs listed by Planning Committee. CHILD CARE . . . ALL INVITED! CELEBRATION WORSHIP will begin at 8:00 P.M. on the 6th and remain at that time through the summer months.

SERVING APRIL 29

Elders

8:15 A.M. Rufus Quinn and
William Schilling

10:45 A.M. Cecil Rice and
Glenn Miller

7:00 P.M. George Davis

Deacons

8:15 A.M. M. Grimm, R. Gerow,
S. Cole, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. A. Mowery, E. O'Laughlin,
L. Timbrook, M. Finkhousen,
L. Johns, H. Banet, M. Crouse,
D. Andrew

Deaconesses

Helen Clymore and Karen Flickinger

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, T. Banet,
J. Weicker, G. Hunt,
D. Smith, G. VanWagner

10:45 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook,
D. Allen, H. Stevenson,
D. Short, G. Bozarth, S. Rayl

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 697 Mr. Charles Hunt
4-West Robert Tulecki

St. Joseph: 611 Jim Wilhelm
815 Mrs. Florence Griffith

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Mrs. Edith Black, a long time member of Aboite Christian Church on April 21, 1973. Rev. Traverse Chandler assisted.

PAINTING IN NARTHEX:

Marshall Smith is sharing his artwork with us in the painting hanging at the north end of the Narthex.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

STEVE EDWARD GRIMM, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Grimm, 1320 W. Sherwood, made his confession of faith and was baptized during the early worship on Easter Sunday.

Steve is a fifth grader at Harrison Hill. He enjoys making models, collecting coins, playing baseball and golf.

A considerable number of persons have been thinking and doing some talking about commitments. We trust that this period from Easter to Pentecost will find many responding in a basic surrender of life to Christ or a renewal of such a relationship expressed in a transfer of membership. We invite decisions to be expressed during any of our three worships on any Sunday of the year. The decision is for each to make for himself before God.

PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER PARTICIPATION

	<u>Palm Sunday</u>	<u>Easter</u>
Worship	472	554
Church School	225	198
Budget Giving	\$1794	\$1578
Appeal Giving	203	191
Easter Offering for Outreach		661

We rejoiced in the participation Sunday in spite of steady and often heavy rain from 6:30 to 12:00 on Easter morning!

MOVING FROM FORT WAYNE

We wish God-speed to Mary Jo Weitz who moved this week to 1005 Willow Street, Celina, Ohio 45822. We will especially miss Mary Jo in our Choir

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF CHURCH BOARD ON APRIL 10, 1973

Upon recommendation of the Elders, the Board approved that we hire a Student Associate Pastor at the Seminary level as soon as possible after July 1, 1973. Some of the rationale includes: 1) Another involvement in the encouragement and support for developing a professional ministry and thus some finance from the Church Vocation Scholarship Fund. 2) Supply Aboite with a regular leader and with some support being received from this source. 3) Primary work would be with senior high and college level youth; 4) Secondary responsibility would be certain relief for Senior Pastor; 5) Adjustment would be made in the responsibilities of the Minister of Education; and 6) Staff age level would be balanced more.

Upon recommendation of the Information Services Committee, the church will institute a regular mailing program to new residents of our community according to list provided of the same.

The resignation of Raymond Russell as a deacon because of health reasons was accepted with regret.

The Property Department reported present studies by consulting engineers on our heating system because of major problems. A suggestion for the erection of basketball goals was referred to the Property Committee for study and possible recommendations.

The Membership Committee announced a New Member Orientation at 3:30 P.M., April 29; the Annual Congregational Dinner at 5:30 P.M., May 6, and the photographing for the new Pictorial Directory on May 10, 11, and 12.

The C.W.F. announced a May Breakfast for all women at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday May 15 and a Father-Son Banquet at 6:30 P.M. on Friday, June 1.

The Treasurer's Report showed a deficit of \$5,098.98 at the end of March which is three-fourths through the church year. Thus, there is need for every bit of extra giving possible so that this deficit is eliminated by June 30.

Much of the evening was spent in a preparatory experience for the 22 Maundy Thursday experiences across our community.

The Chairman announced the Constitutional Revision Committee which will begin its work at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, May 1: James Ruble, William Love, Robert Ogles, Janet Weicker, Sara Davis, Mildred Hartman and ex officio, the Board Chairman and Senior Pastor. The Church Nominating Committee was announced: Ray Fredericks and Nancy Wortley--co-chairmen, Virginia Bruckman, Charles Ludwig, Jim Taylor and the Senior Pastor ex officio.

LAY WITNESS MISSION TEAM MEMBERS

Serving on a team coordinated by Robert Isbell at the Grace United Methodist Church in Kokomo this weekend, April 27-29 are: Elsie Widler, Barbara Schrock, Jim Taylor, Don and Barbara Short.

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR PHONERS

Sharon Fredericks calls attention to all doing phoning for the new PICTORIAL DIRECTORY that the Company representative will meet here with us at 7:30 P.M. next Monday, April 30. This is important in preparation for the calling for the family photo appointments.

LAST SUNDAY FOR STUDY SESSION ON NEW TESTAMENT

The Sunday Evening Adult-Study program from 5:30 to 7:00 comes to a close for this season this week as we deal with the Corinthian letters. CYF, Chi Rho, and Junior Disciples will plan their own schedule for the summer months rather than to automatically be a part of the 5:30 to 7:00 hour.

THANKS FOR SEASONAL DECORATIONS

Mrs. Sue Allen and Mrs. Ruth Ogles worked on our Nave for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter. Thanks to Bob and Ruth Ogles and Debbie Allen who shared Easter lilies for Sunday worship.

THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Our semi-annual service of Thanksgiving for Childbirth and Dedication of Parents will be held during the Sunday morning worship hours on May 6. Families with babies or youth children who desire to participate should call the church office by Thursday, May 3. We invite the participation of any interested families. Call the pastor if you have questions about this.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION

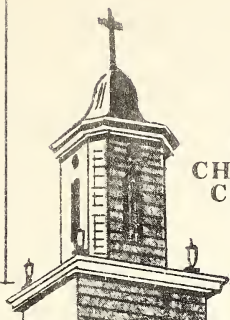
We thank the many who hosted and helped lead the 22 Maundy Thursday Communion experiences. Many good comments have filtered back in. Incomplete reports still indicate over 200 communicants which is almost double the preceding year in our Nave.

CAN YOU HELP????

A committee planning an early June event for those retired, single, or over 60 is in need of Campbell Soup cans. Can you give us any? Please bring them this Sunday and place in the box by the door.

Our CYF is planning a variety musical show on May 20. They need clothes from the decades of the 20's, 30's, 40's, and 50's. Could you loan them any? They are also in need of music for the following popular numbers: Baby Face, Five Foot Two, The Saints Come Marching In, and This Is The Army Mr. Jones. We also need bow ties, army clothes and hula hoops. If you have any of these items and would be willing to loan them, call Delores Keebortz (745-3789) or Miriam Bixenman. They will be returned.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 5

7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group
1:00 P.M. Friendly Class
7:30 P.M. O.M.S. Bowling Party

SUNDAY, MAY 6

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
5:00 P.M. Called Board Meeting
5:30 P.M. Congregational Dinner
and Annual Meeting
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MAY 7

10:00 A.M. Study Group, Parlor

TUESDAY, MAY 8

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Mary
Higgins, 5010 Woodhurst Blvd.
7:00 P.M. Elder's Meeting
8:00 P.M. Board Meeting
8:00 P.M. Montgomery Group,
Marilyn Rayl, 4220 Richfield

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

9:00 A.M. District CWF Institute
7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Barbara
Schrock, 7528 Breckenwood

THURSDAY, MAY 10

1:30 P.M. Prayer Group, Parlor
4:00 P.M. Picture Taking for
Directory begins
7:00 P.M. Youth and Bell Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

8:15 AND 10:45 WORSHIPS

Thanksgiving for Childbirth and
Dedication of Parents--Decisions--
Baptisms--Communion--Sermon: "HOLD-
ING FAITH AND POSSESSING LIFE"
John 20:30,31

5:30 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL

DINNER AND ANNUAL MEETING

--For the pitch-in dinner bring
table service and a main dish
plus a salad or dessert. A one
member family need bring only
one food item.

--Child Care will be provided for
very young all evening, pre-sch-
oolers starting after meal, and
Grade 1 to 5 during the business
session.

--Program includes singing, intro-
duction of new members, elect-
ions (see page 3), budget ap-
proval, and interaction on needs
listed by Planning Committee.

--A special Board Meeting is cal-
led for 5:00 P.M. and a caucus
of the new Board will be held
at the end of the evening.

8:00 P.M. CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Sharing and participatory worship.

SERVING MAY 6

Elders

8:15 A.M. Fred Smell and
Robert Rayl

10:45 A.M. William Crouse and
James Ruble

8:00 P.M. Mark Snyder

Deacons

8:15 A.M. M. Grimm, R. Hend-
ricks, R. Petty, D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. J. Hechler, R.
Ogles, T. Frappier, O. McDougale,
E. Allen, W. Bowen, R. Cole,
R. Gerow

Deaconesses

Ruth Plummer and Sharon Fredericks

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, R.
White, J. Weicker, M. Olson, D.
Smith, G. VanWagner

10:45 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook,
D. Olson, R. Chevalier, D. Pass-
water, J. Sauerwein, M. Smith

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: 632 Chad Skelton

Lutheran: 697 Mr. Charles Hunt

623 Mrs. Lucille Branstrator

666 Mr. Robert Clipp

4-W Robert Tulecki

765 Mrs. Mary Bowes

Diana Wortley (entering

5-3 for surgery 5-4)

St. Joseph: 611 Jim Wilhelm

813 Mrs. Edna Campbell

RECENTLY ELECTED CWF OFFICERS

Pres.-Judy Church, 1st VP-
Nancy Wortley, 2nd VP-Lois Fink-
housen, Rec. Sec.-Jeanne Gerow,
Cor. Sec.-Sharon Fredericks,
Treas., Colyn Crowder

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned Soup and
Canned Stew (also empty jr.
baby food jars)

EIGHT RESPOND TO INVITATION

Our Meditative Worship was high-
lighted by a recommitment to Christ
and our Divine Worship witnessed
seven making confession of faith or
transferring membership.

MR. AND MRS. ENNIS BROWN, 6010
Guild Drive, 06, 493-1642, identifi-
ed in a reactivation of membership
from Methodist background. Both
are employed at GE and they have
three married children, a son and
two daughters. They enjoy old car
restoration and Ennis takes to
sports and flying while Gini en-
joys ceramics and knitting.

NANCY ARLENE HENDRICKS, daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendricks,
7714 Kettering Drive made her con-
fession of faith. She is a sixth
grader at Southwick and enjoys
swimming, basketball and football.

MR. AND MRS. DARYLE MARKLEY,
5105 S. Webster, 07, 456-5307, made
a basic expression of surrender to
Christ as Lord. They have four
children, Barbara and Randy in the
fifth grade, Ricky in the fourth
grade, and Lori who is age 3. Judy
is in the home, while Daryle is em-
ployed by City Utilities.

MRS. REBECCA LOUISE MORRIS, 211
W. Leith, 07, came in a transfer of
membership from First Christian
Church in Gas City. She is a sec-
retary at the V.A. Hospital and has
Jeffrey in the fifth grade and Jen-
nifer in Kindergarten.

MRS. VIRGINIA ROBERTA PARKER,
2929 Manford, 06, 456-3029, united
in a transfer of membership from
Southside Christian Church, San
Antonio, Texas. Virginia is the
daughter of Mrs. Vada Tatman.

We welcome these in our fellow-
ship and rejoice in the recommit-
ment of Mrs. Marge Lehman.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR CHURCH BUSINESS 5:30-7:45, SUNDAY, MAY 6

After the pitch-in dinner, there will be singing and introductions of new members. Congregational business includes the approval of the church budget for 1973-74 and the election of church officers. The following are the nominees being presented by the Nominating Committee:

COMPETITIVE ELECTION: Voting Delegates for the General Assembly of the Christian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 26-31. Only TWO to be elected:

Nominees: Margaret Love, George Bruckman, Merle Grimm, Merle Rice

NON-COMPETITIVE ELECTIONS unless nominees from the floor (Any member may submit a nomination from the floor with the consent of the nominee for the office designated.)

ELDERS (for a three year term)

George Bruckman
Bill Franklin
William Love
Charles Ludwig
Floyd Morriscal
Don Passwater
Merle Rice
Ben Taylor
Dean Widler

TRUSTEES (for a three year term)

George Bruckman
Merle Grimm

DEACONESES (for a three year term)

Virginia Bruckman
Peggy Buskirk
Mary Cook
Marlene Crouse
Amelia Dare
Fran Eckert
Mini Hunt
Delores Keebortz
Rosemary Krull
Dorothy Merriman
Ruby Mowery
Edna Nordblom
Marguarite Quinn
Barbara Taylor
Val Williams
Evelyn Yeoman

DEACONS (for a three year term)

Ron Aker
Doug Allen
Rex Clifton
Herdis Helmuth
Tom Knuckles
Bruce Lehman
George Ludwig
Fred Richardson
Jack Sauerwein
Don Short
Homer Stevenson
Jim Taylor
Robert Urich
Dempsey Weaver
Delmas Young
Jerry Zimmerman

OFFICERS (for a one year term)

Andy Cook, Treasurer
Ron Flickinger, Assistant Treasurer
Herb Banet, Memorial & Special Fund
Treasurer
Merle Grimm, Financial Secretary
Ralph Church, Assistant Financial
Secretary
Jack Weicker, Andrew Crowe, Colyn
Crowder, Mildred Hutchinson, Finance
Committee
Edna Vaught, Church Clerk

EMERITUS (Lifetime)

William Caldwell (Elder)
Wendell Glass (Trustee)

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY CALLING

The following women are now making appointments with member families for inclusion in our new church pictorial directory. Every family is urged to be photographed and select a proof for inclusion in the book. No obligation is demanded beyond that. Callers include: Judy Aker, Ethel Allen, Sue Allen, Norma Andrew, Kathlyn Banet, Virginia Bruckman, Marilyn Byers, Joyce Crowe, Myrtle DeVinney, Maude Donahue, Jody Eckert, Anita Fitch, JoAnn Franklin, Hortense Futterer, Betty Grimm, Pearl Heidecker, Mary Ann Heiney, Anna Hirshy, Delores Keebortz, Jesse Keller, Rosemary Krull, Marge Lehman, Margaret Love, Ruby Mowery, Pat Norman, Delores Overmeyer, Judi Passwater, Renee Richardson, Genevieve Ripple, Barbara Schrock, Clair Schryver, Pauline Snyder, Hortense Stevenson, Grace Truby, Helen Williams, Evenly Yeoman, Karen Zimmerman, Sandy Zimmerman. Sharon Fredericks is chairing the telephoning effort. Bob Urich is heading the layout for the institutional pages.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

7:30 A.M., SATURDAY,

MAY 5

CWF INSTITUTE HERE

Wednesday, May 9, is the District One CWF Institute for all women in CWF.

9:00 Registration and Book Browsing

9:30 Opens Program and includes Model Meetings

12:00 Sack Lunch--Host Church is providing drink and pie.

12:45 Classes for areas of CWF

1:45 Blessing Box Dedication and worship. Each group is to bring offering from Blessing Boxes.

Child Care is provided for the entire day for those needing it.

APRIL AVERAGES

Worship	418
Church School	186
Budget Giving	\$1825.31
Appeal Giving	224.62

APRIL ADDITIONS:

Mary Lou Hartzler, Martha Jane Knorr, Carol Ann Cline, Rebecca Richardson, Denise Louise Schrock, Steve Edward Grimm, Rebecca Louise Morris, Virginia Parker, Ennis Brown, Virginia Brown, Daryle Markley, Judy Markley, Nancy Hendricks.

PERSONAL MENTION (from page 2)

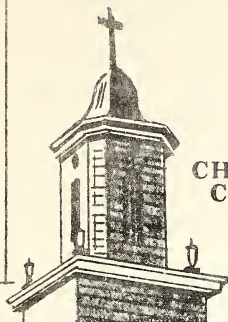
THANKS:

For the expression of sympathy from the family of Goldie Schlatter.

FRIENDLY BIBLE CLASS

1:00 P.M. Saturday, May 5th, with Mrs. Opal Perkins, 717 Union Street -- "Silent Auction"

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 13

- 8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
6:30 P.M. Reception and Presentation, West Creighton Church
Dr. Mabelle Areole
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MAY 14

- 1:00 P.M. Prayer-Share-Study
Group, Donna Byers, 322 W.
Suttenfield
7:30 P.M. Study Group, Vincent
Wells, 735 Poplar
7:30 P.M. Koinonia Group, Barbara
Schrock, 7528 Breckenwood
7:30 P.M. Guild, at the church,
Elaine Conrad, hostess

TUESDAY, MAY 15

- 9:30 A.M. CWF May Breakfast

THURSDAY, MAY 17

- 7:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir at the
Cline's, 5705 Fernwood

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned Main Dishes
such as Spaghetti & Meal Balls
Canned Stew

WORSHIP ON MOTHER'S DAY

- 8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
SERMON: "Appreciating the
Christian Impact on Family"
Joshua 24:15, Exodus 20:12;
Ephesians 6:1-4; II Timothy
1:5
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
including the group sharing
leadership of Dr. Mabelle
Areole, a missionary doctor
in India.

CONCERN FOR KNOWING PEOPLE

Picture taking is in progress
of our member families for inclusion
in our new Pictorial Directory
which will be received on September
15th. If for any reason you
have not been reached for an appointment,
please call Mrs. Sharon Fredericks
493-1157 or the church office,
744-3239.

Pictures are being taken this
week, Wednesday through Saturday.
We are asking every family group
of one to 5 or 10 to be photographed
and later to pick out a proof
(continued on page 4)

SERVING MAY 13

Elders

8:15 A.M. Larry Barnes and
George Davis

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
David Griggs

8:00 P.M. Rufus Quinn

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Gump, C. Het-
rick, A.E. Huddleston, R. John-
son

10:45 A.M. W. Koehlinger, V.
Moore, T. Ogles, S. Cole, P.
Yentes, A. Mowery, E. O'Laughlin

Deaconesses

Ruth Plummer and Sharon Fredericks

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, R. White,
J. Weicker, M. Olson, D. Smith,
G. VanWagner

10:45 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook,
D. Olson, R. Chevalier, D. Pass-
water, J. Sauerwein, M. Smith

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: 350 Mr. Walter Keebortz
327 Mrs. JoAnn Gump

449 Mrs. Anna Hirshy

St. Joseph: 611 Jim Wilhelm
813 Mrs. Edna Campbell

Lutheran: M111 Diana Wortley.
340 Mr. William Taylor

623 Mrs. Lucille Branstrator

697 Mr. Charles Hunt

THANKS FOR DINNER MEETING:

Thanks to program chairman,
Ray Fredericks and Kitchen
Chairman, Barbara Schrock.
Thanks to Natalie Urich and
Jerry Zimmerman for the singing.
Thanks to Andrea Benny and the
2 & 3 year olds for the songs.
Thanks to hosting couples of new
members.

THREE DECISIONS AT INVITATION

PATRICK BALDWIN OLSON, the son
of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Olson, 4725 S.
Wayne, made his confession of
faith and was baptized during
Meditative Worship on Sunday. Pat
is a sixth grader at Harrison Hill
and is interested in sports as
basketball, baseball, karate, and
wrestling.

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS L. WEIRICK,
5620 Standish Drive, 06, 447-6575,
identified together in our fellow-
ship from home church backgrounds.
Thomas comes from the Center Unit-
ed Methodist Church of R.R., Sil-
ver Lake and Debra from the First
Christian Church in Flora. Tom is
the Assistant Manager at the Good-
year Store in Southtown and Debra
is a nurse on the maternity floor
at St. Joseph. They have one
daughter, Allison Ruth.

CALLING ALL WOMEN:

Plan now for the May CWF Break-
fast at 9:30 A.M., Tuesday, May 15
in Fellowship Hall. Guests are
encouraged for any or all to bring.

The program features Hugh Rice
in an interesting program entitled,
"Historical Fort Wayne."

The Breakfast menu consists of
fruit compote, breakfast rolls
and coffee or tea. There is no
charge for the breakfast, but all
names of those planning to attend
should be turned in to either Sara
Davis, 446-7321 or the church of-
fice, 744-3239, by Sunday night
May 13.

MEMORIAL GIFTS TO CHURCH

Love and Appreciation for persons have been expressed in the following undesignated Memorial Gifts totalling \$154 to our church between January 1, 1973 and April 30:

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT J. DONOHUE:

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Birkhold
Neighbors

Mr. & Mrs. Robert T. Donohue

Mr. & Mrs. Duane Eby

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Quandt

Richard & Winifred Cowan

Mrs. Maude Donohue

IN MEMORY OF HAZEL BUNDY:

Friendly Class

IN MEMORY OF FERN TEEPLE:

Friendly Class

IN MEMORY OF GOLDIE SCHLATTER:

Gamboa Group of CWF

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Birkhold

Friendly Class

IN MEMORY OF FLOYD BOSCHET:

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Birkhold

This money is handled according to our policy for Memorial and Bequest Gifts with equal amounts entering Church Vocation Memorial Trust Fund, Permanent Memorial Trust Fund, Building and Equipment Fund, and Capital Outreach Fund.

In addition to these undesignated Memorial Gifts, a designated gift for Nave Ventilation has been given IN MEMORY OF MRS. MAE RIPPLE.

We say thanks for all of these gifts in these lasting expressions of love. All such gifts are recorded and displayed in our IN REMEMBRANCE book in our Narthex.

CAMP AND CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS IN

To date, we have nine who have already registered for camps and conferences this summer. Carol Cline, Teresa Gardner, Dawn Schrock, Denise Schrock, and Diana Wortley have registered to go to Chi Rho Camp at Barbee the week of July 8-14. Mike Gardner has registered to go to Chi Rho Camp at Wee-Ah-Pah-Ko (Near Rockville) July 29-August 4. Debbie Nordblom, Schellie Schell, and Val Williams have registered for 11th & 12th Grade Conference at Barbee the week of August 5-11. In order to insure getting into the camp of your choice, we urge you to get a registration blank from Mrs. Bixenman today and get your child's registration in. Cost to each camper is \$20.00. The church will pay a similiar amount to equal the full \$40.00 fee.

FAMILY CAMP OUTS SCHEDULED

Russell Wortley has been named by the Christian Education Committee to arrange our Family Camp Outs this summer. He, with the committee, has set up the following dates:

June 8, 9, & 10 Forest Ridge
Camp Ground

July 13, 14, & 15 Chain of
Lakes State Park

August 10, 11, & 12 (Place
to be announced)

October 5, 6, & 7 Barbee

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE
DATES!

CYF TO GIVE MUSICAL SHOW

Our High School Youth are busy working on a musical variety show to be given on Sunday afternoon, May 20, at 4:15 and 6:15 P.M. If you have ever thought back a few decades about the music and the dances that were popular in those years you will be interested in seeing our youth's interpretation of the music. You will also enjoy the comparison with the music of today. Be sure to mark your calendar and save the time to come see them. A dessert supper will be served, everything complete, for the small donation of 75¢ for adults and 50¢ for children ages 3-12. Those under 3 are free. Working with our youth in their production are Mel Busse, Dr. and Mrs. Cline, Sara Davis, Peggy Buskirk, Miriam Bixenman, Walter and Delores Keebortz, Ray Fredericks, Barbara Short, and Bob and Natalie Urich.

REPORT ON CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Elected as our voting delegates to the General Assembly of the Christian Church this fall were Margaret Love and Merle Grimm. Merle Rice and George Bruckman are alternates. The new budget of \$112,009 was approved. The officers as listed last week in THE TIDINGS were elected.

LAST CALL

Peggy Buskirk and her CWF House Committee have been busily working to clean our kitchen. They have discovered quite a few dishes of various kinds that belong to members. You may pick them up by May 20 or they will be donated to the Pantry.

CONCERN FOR KNOWING PEOPLE (from p. 1) for inclusion in the directory. There is no obligation to purchase a picture though they will be offered for sale. Every family included in the directory will receive a copy. ACT IMMEDIATELY, if you do not have an appointment made or your picture already taken.

DR. MABELLE AREOLE--SUNDAY EVENING

Our congregation is invited to a reception and presentation at 6:30 P.M. This Sunday the 13th at West Creighton Christian Church. Dr. Mabelle Areole is a native missionary in a public health clinic 300 miles southeast of Bombay. Her husband writes of the work, "We are called to be Good Samaritans, but we are primarily called to share the life we have found in Christ."

In addition to the 6:30 hour, Dr. Areole will be a guest participant with us during our Celebration Worship at 8:00 P.M. Our Celebration Worship has been coming into its own with an average participation of over 37 weekly since the beginning of January. It is a participatory and communion worship. It gives a chance for regular Sunday worship for those out of town on Sunday mornings.

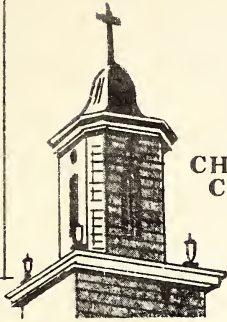
MEMBERS OF LAY WITNESS MISSION

Dean and Elsie Widler are serving on the Lay Witness Mission Team at First Christian Church in Vincennes this weekend. Pray for them and the Mission.

GIFT TO CHURCH

Mrs. Virginia Parker has given a set of the New Standard Encyclopedia to the church for usage in our library. Thanks.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 19

7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group

SUNDAY, MAY 20

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

4:15 P.M. CYF Variety Show

6:15 P.M. CYF Variety Show

8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MAY 21

10:00 A.M. Study Group, Parlor

7:30 P.M. Wel-Kum-All Group, Ralph
Churches', 5126 Werling

7:30 P.M. Study Group, Vincent
Wells', 735 Poplar

THURSDAY, MAY 24

1:30 P.M. Prayer Group, Parlor

7:00 P.M. Youth and Bell Choir

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

COUNTRY NEEDS:

Peanut Butter

Canned Soup

Boy's Clothing

sizes 6, 7, and 8

WORSHIP SUNDAY

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

Morning Sermon: "The Consciously
Dedicated"

II Corinthians 8:1-9; Malachi

3:8-10; Hebrews 10:19-25

8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

Sharing Bible Study, and Inter-
action on Spiritual Gifts.

STUDY SUNDAY

9:30 A.M. Church School

Classes for all ages. Regular
and elective classes.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

11:45 A.M. - Post Worship
Coffee Hour

4:15 and 6:15 P.M. C.Y.F.

"FLASHBACK" Combination of
eats and talent program for
enjoyment. Donation basis
at the door.

SERVING MAY 20

Elders

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and

10:45 A.M. Floyd Morrical and

Ray Fredericks

8:00 P.M. Cecil Rice

Deacons

8:15 A.M. L. Timbrook, M. Fink-
housen, L. Johns, H. Banet

10:45 A.M. M. Crouse, D. Andrew,
M. Grimm, R. Hendricks, R. Petty,
D. Pomeroy, J. Hechler, R. Ogles,

Deaconesses

Betty Grimm and Sharon Fredericks

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, R. White
J. Weicker, M. Olson, D. Smith,
G. VanWagner

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, D. Olson,
R. Chevelier, D. Passwater, J.
Sauerwein, M. Smith

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 592 Merland Heller
340 William Taylor
697 Charles Hunt

Parkview: 422 Walter Keebortz
449 Mrs. Anna Hirshy

THANKS FOR HELP IN PICTURE TAKING
FOR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Transportation: Mark Snyder,
Rolland Ripple, Harold Crowder,
Rufus Quinn, Hazel Crouse. Hosts
and Hostesses: Jody Eckert,
Bruce Lehman, Sharon Fredericks,
Rolland and Genevieve Ripple,
Deanna Ruble, Fern Strole, Ruth
Plummer, Judy Aker, Judy Church,
Barbara Love and Mary Jenkins.

SEE PAGE FOUR FOR COMING

EVENTS IN JUNE

MAKE UP DAY FOR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Thursday, May 24, from 5:00 to
8:00 P.M.---Call the church office
for an appointment if missed in
earlier pictures. We are anxious
for every member family to be re-
presented in an effort to tie
names and faces together in our
church fellowship. Please, help
by having your picture taken! 192
pictures have been taken, help us
to have at least 250 member fam-
ilies included.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET:

The CWF is serving a Father and
Son Banquet on Friday, June 1, in
our Fellowship Hall. All of our
men and boys need to be planning
toward this night.

The program committee includes-
Jim Ruble, George Davis, Harold
Crowder, and Dean Widler. Reser-
vations can be made by calling
Judy Aker (432-3379) or Barbara
Schrock (747-3711)

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

This Saturday, the 19th, at
7:30 A.M. is the regular time for
breakfast, interaction, and prayer.
A taped interview with Keith Mil-
ler is the resource for discussion.
Kitchen duties fall on Jim Ruble
and George Davis for May 19; Hugh
Rice and Dean Widler for June 2;
Don Parlette and Harold Cline for
June 16.

DEATH OF MEMBER:

Mrs. Dolly McMaken, a member since
before 1927, died Monday at the
Masonic Home in Franklin. Dr.
Cline conducted services on 5-16-
73. Sympathy is extended to her
daughter and family.

SIGNIFICANT CHURCH BOARD ACTIONS OF MAY 8, 1973

A Sick Pay Policy was slightly amended and approved as recommended by the Sounding Board Committee.

Dates were approved for our Discipline and Discovery Program for this fall:

D & D Team Training - September 9 to October 11

D & D Team Retreat - Saturday, October 13 -- 8:30 to 5:00

Discovery Weekend for Whole Church - Friday Evening, Saturday Morning and Noon, Saturday Evening, Sunday morning and Evening - October 19-21

D & D Groups for those enlisted through the Discovery Weekend October 28-November 30.

The new Brotherhood program of Special Day Offerings was adopted to include six over-and-above outreach offerings - World Wide Communion Sunday for Reconciliation; Week of Compassion; Thanksgiving; Christmas; Easter; and Pentecost for Unified Promotion.

A recommendation for piano repair and placing was approved. The motion included the recommendation to dispose of two pianos, to place our eight best pianos in needed places, and a future recommendation for a new piano in our Nave Balcony. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That written bids on the Kimball piano now in Grade 1 & 2 room and the Player piano in Grade 3 & 4 room will be received through June 15. Please make a written offer and mail or bring to the church office. Include in the bid a written statement about moving from our building.

Affirmative vote in favor of participation in the Arlington Project for a united church and a cooperative weekday ministry to the community was taken.

The recommendation by the elders concerning the publishing and possible removal of about 229 members with unknown addresses from our church roll was approved. Final action will be taken at the June meeting.

The treasurer's report indicated the deficit in the operating fund had been decreased from \$5,098.98 to \$3,498.62 during April. We need generous giving and a strong effort to eliminate this deficit by June 30.

At the special meetings of the new board the following officers were chosen for the new church board: Board Chairman-Hugh Rice; Vice Chairman-Robert Herdricks; Elder Chairman-George Bruckman; Deacon Chairman-Robert Johnson; Deaconesses Chairman-Lois Finkhausen, Deaconesses Vice-Chairman-Peggy Buskirk.

COMING DURING JUNE:

SENIOR CITIZEN'S TEA

Mrs. Dorothy Ikenberry is in charge of this event at 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 3. Some plans will be laid that day for future activities for Senior Citizens.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

9:00 to 11:30 A.M. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, June 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21. For children who were 2 before October 1, 1972 and includes those completing grade 6 this spring.

FAMILY CAMP OUT

The first church camp out is scheduled for June 8, 9, 10 at Forest Ridge Camp. Contact Russell Wortley about further details. This is open to any families interested in camping out together.

ELECTIVE CLASSES IN CHURCH SCHOOL

Two elective classes for Church School from June 10 to September 2 open to any youth or adults

The Serendipity course-

GROUPS IN ACTION - Dr. Cline,
leader

MEN OF VISION (a taped resource on renewal)

Miriam Bixenman, leader

resource for all. The educational program of the church seeks to cause the revelation recorded in Scripture to be applied in life today through the insight and encouragement of a community of believers.

CYF VARIETY SHOW -- FLASHBACK

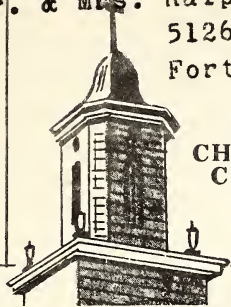
Next Sunday is the big day for the CYF Variety Show, "FLASHBACK". Our youth, along with several adults have worked for weeks to bring you a real taste of yesteryear in song and dance. Get your ticket at the door or from any CYFer. Donation is 75¢ for adults, 50¢ for children 3-12, and those under three are free. A desert supper will be served before each performance. Shows are at 4:15 and 6:15 P.M. Rumor has it that you will see a part of our staff turned actors, even one soloist! Come and see what couple in our church can turn back the years and are really swingers. In addition to all this and the variety of numbers our youth have prepared, watch the church magician pull a few tricks out of his hat.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The question has come up as to why what we once called, "Vacation Bible School" is now called Vacation Church School. Some have wondered if we have discontinued teaching the Bible. No, indeed. The Bible is just as basic to the school as it ever was. The difference lies in the fact that these six days, June 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 are a very vital part of the educational program of this church. The name, Vacation Church School, simply tells us that this is a part of the Church's School, which included all of the educational program of the church, whether the experience takes place on Sunday morning, in the vacation school, or at an Adventure Day. The Bible is basic teaching
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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 27

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MAY 28

Memorial Day-Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 29

7:30 P.M. Planning Committee

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

7:30 P.M. Christian Education
Committee

THURSDAY, MAY 31

7:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

COMING EVENTS: SUNDAY, JUNE 3

8:00 A.M. Senior Breakfast
Richard's Restaurant
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
Seniors Honored
3:00 P.M. Senior Citizen's
Tea

PANTRY NEEDS:

Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables

MEMORIAL SUNDAY MAY 27

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon: "UNDER MARCHING ORDERS"
Ephesians 6:10-20; Colossians
1:18-20, 24-29; Matthew 28:18-20
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY JUNE 3

8:00 A.M. Senior Breakfast
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
Seniors in Robes
Sermon: "HONEST ADMISSION:
WHOSE ARE WE?"
Matthew 10:5-15; John 9:1-41
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

PENTECOST SUNDAY JUNE 10

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School - New
Quarter of Study begins
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon: "CELEBRATING GOD ALIVE
IN MAN"
Acts 2:1-42; Philippians 2:1-13
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

SERVING MAY 27

Elders

8:15 A.M. John Merrill and
Merle Rice

10:45 A.M. Hugh Rice and
Rufus Quinn

8:00 P.M. Robert Rayl

Deacons

8:15 A.M. T. Frappier, O.

McDougle, E. Allen, W. Bowen

10:45 A.M. R. Cole, R. Gerow,
W. Gump, C. Hetrick, A.E. Hud-
dleston, R. Johnson, W. Koehlin-
ger, V. Moore

Deaconesses

Betty Grimm and Jennie Morrical

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, R.

White, J. Weicker, M. Olson, D.
Smith, G. VanWagner

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, D. Olson,
R. Chevalier, D. Passwater, J.
Sauerwein, M. Smith

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: 350 Walter Keebortz

713 Mrs. Anna Hirshy

Lutheran: 340 William Taylor

473 Mrs. Eva Crowell

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Mr. Merland Heller, usher for
over 40 years and faithful member
on May 19, 1973. Sympathy is ex-
tended to his wife, Opal.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Mildred Peterson and
family, in the death of her hus-
band, Harry, on May 15.

FATHER-SON BANQUET POSTPONED

This event scheduled for June 1
has been postponed indefinitely.

FOUR RESPONSES AT INVITATION:

SANDRA KAY DOTY, 4605 Kekionga, #4,
09, 747-2473, made her confession
of faith and was baptized. Sandra
is a Physical Therapist at St. Jos-
eph Hospital since her graduation
from IU a year ago. She hails from
Plainfield and enjoys sewing and
golfing.

MRS. DOROTHY ALICE MORRIS, 4030
Oliver, 06, 442-8653, came in trans-
fer of membership from the Christ-
ian Church in Marlboro, Ohio. Dor-
othy works at Turtle Creek Nursing
Home on Fairfield. She has a mar-
ried daughter, Karen Austin, and
has three children in the home,
Judy, who works at Ponderosa, Sue a
junior at South Side, and John a
fourth grader at Abbott.

LORENA LOUISE (LORI) PASSWATER, the
daughter of Don and Judi Passwater,
1819 Crescent, identified in trans-
fer of membership from North Chris-
tian Church of the city. Lori is a
ninth grader at Lakeside and enjoys
horses and piano. She has played
for and sung in our Youth Choir.

MELANIE JEAN TRACEY, 3016 Farns-
worth, 05, 748-7495, came in a tran-
sfer from the Christian Church in
Philo, Illinois. Melanie is a tenth
grader at Snider and is active in
gymnastics. She has become active
in our CYF program and youth choir
this spring.

We rejoice in these decisions
and are ever concerned for the ex-
pression by others. Christ invites
each one to fullness of life in him.

THANK YOU . . . The family of Dollye
McMaken expressed thanks for kind-
ness and sympathy expressed in her
death.

UNKNOWN ADDRESS OF MEMBERS --- CHECK AND CALL IF KNOWN

The following members have lost contact completely with our church and we currently do not have a mailing address and have no known source to find an address. Any person for whom we do not receive information by June 5 will be recommended to the church board by the elders for removal from our membership roll until such a time as the person might request re-instatement. Please call the church office at 744-3239 if you can give addresses or leads for any person on the list.

Cora Adams, Ruth Adams, Mrs. Hubert Adkinson, Ethel Akers, Mrs. Dwight Allen, Fred Anderson, Doris Anderson, Mary Anderson, Mrs. Donald Angell, H.E. Atkinson, Laura Sue Austin, Mrs. Harry (Veneta) Armitage, Linda Jean Ashton

Mrs. Marion (Thelma Thrumbower) Bailey, Mrs. Dewey Barnes, Georgia Barnes, Lewis & Wilma Beeler, Jean Birsdorfer, Mrs. F.O. Baldwin, Alice Bird, Betty Bodkin, Raymond Bowman, Jean (Huff) Brott, Alma Brown, Richard E. Brown, Guy and Ada Bruss, Agnes Butt, Brice Butterfield

Annie Cameron, Mary Cameron, Roberta Church, Clyde Copeland Linda Cook, Dorothy Corey, George and Helen Cowan, Helen Craig, Edwin Craig, Barbara Crosley

Vola Davis, Dorothy Dawson, Helen Dawson, Charles C. Dean, Mrs. William DeRolf, Mrs. Frederick Dettlogg, William and Charlotte Dickson, David Dilts, Harold & Sally Donelson, Dale G. Drake, James & Lettie Dudley, Ella Dyer, John Dunn, K.E. Dwyer

Mr. & Mrs. Luther Eller, Wanda Eller, Robert & Virginia Emerson, Mr. & Mrs. Paul V. Evans, Mrs. Ruth Evans

Mrs. Roscoe Fisher, Judith Ann Fugate, Madonna Furguson

Ann & Kenneth A. Gould, Jr., Dorothy Gerber, Dorothy Grandstaff, Harold & Lois Green,

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Hadley, Richard Haffner, James Haffner, Anita (Eller) Hammerlund, Douglas Harrison, Beryl Harrison, Roven M. Harrison, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph W. Hasler, Elizabeth Hess, Shirley Hightchew, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hill, Deryll Hobbs, Elva Hoke, John Holderman, Teddy Horibe, Ora Jayne Huff, Lawrence & Mary Hume, G.B. & Mary Hunt, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Kuffman

Mrs. Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones, William & Laura Jones, Mrs. Margaret (Wittkamper) Jordan

J. Raymond Keller, Jack & Maxine Kelly, Wanda Kelly, Manuel Kelly, James Kingman, Robert Kinnaman, William & Margaret Kintzel, Edna Kitson, Mr. & Mrs. Ned Klotz, Ned Klotz II, Dora Knife, Helen (Mummy) Knox, Mardelle (Fisher) Kean

Ruby Leggett, Dorothy Legget, Mrs. Howard Leggett, Traffa & Marie LaFava, Albert & Dorothea Libbey, Calvin G. Long, Merle J. Long

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UNKNOWN ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS (Continued from page 3)

Anne MacDowell, Leslie MacDowell, Gregory MacDowell, Warren Lee McFerran, Waunita McKinley, Mary Ann McLellan, Barbara (Williams) McNamee, Paul Maholm, Raymond Maple, Iva Martin, Janet Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Manley, Betty Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Moore, Howard E. Morse, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Montgomery, Joan Mumy, Charles Mumy, Karen (Simmons) Munson

Joseph Neville, Carl & Gladys Nickerson

Elaine (Cole) Olive, Thomas Owen

Sally & William Parker, Virginia Paul, Robert Pennington, Mrs.

W.E. Pretzer, Mrs. Lloyd Putt

Lloyd & Sally Rader, Edwin & Frances Reddick, Nancy Ann Reddick, Stephen E. Reddick, Herman Redmerski, LaVerne Reed, Beatrice Rinehart, Robert Rinehart, Iris (Raymond) Rice, Laura Ann Rhodes, Kathryn (Cower) Rodiger, Robert & Carolyn Rogers, Charles & Joyce Rudicel, Barbara Rudicel

John A. & Alice Sanders, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Schmidt, Aimee Schultz, Robert Lee Scott, Robert Shearer, Donald Shephard, Shirley Sidle, Ralph & Margaret Simmons, Charles Staley, Mrs. Scott Stephens, Mr. & Mrs. J. Ray Stephenson, Harold Stigers, Darly Stigers, Michael Stigers, R. Michael Symms, Opal (Evans) Shipley

William Taylor, Jr., William & Thelma Thompson, Roland Troth, William Trumbower

Mrs. Walter Van Etten

Roy Wagner, Wendell & Alyce Wallace, Darwin & Doris Weikel, Robert & Doris White, Mr. & Mrs. C.A. Whitmer, Michael Allen Wells, Mrs. Viola Wesling, Larry W. Wellman, Dow E. Wilkins, Russell Wilkins, David H. Williams, Mrs. LeRoy Wise, William Woods, Joy (Zell) Woods, C.E. Woodward

Dorothy Yaney

Nancy Zeburg, Rebecca Zuber

FAMILY CAMP OUT JUNE 8-10

Those planning to attend need to contact Russell Wortley at 747-0905 or the church office. Reservations are needed for Forest Ridge Campgrounds for our total group.

RADIO BROADCAST DURING JUNE

Because of our schedule, our Meditative Worship Service will be taped at 8:15 and broadcast at 10:30 A.M. during June

PERSONAL MENTION, CONTINUED
AFFIRMATION OF WEDDING VOWS

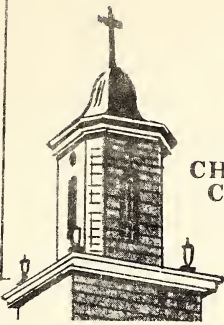
Vaughn Leon Ashton and the former Janice Lee Webster on 5-19-73. They are residing at 1111 Rivermet Apt. 15, 05, 427-5351.

THANK YOU

Gale and Linda VanWagner express deep appreciation for kindness, help and prayers during her recent tonsilectomy.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

8:00 P.M. Finance Committee

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

4:00 P.M. College and Career
Swim and Cookout at Clines'

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

8:00 A.M. Senior Breakfast

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

3:00 P.M. 60 and Over Tea

8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 4

10:00 A.M. Study Group

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

10:30 A.M. Kepple Group Potluck
Virginia Bruckman, 3729 South Dr.

7:00 P.M. Elder's Meeting

8:00 P.M. Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Mildred
Hogg, 3233 Chancellor

6:00 P.M. Higdon Group Picnic,
Esther Whitton, 3308 Clinton

BACCALAUREATE FOR SENIORS

The following graduating high school seniors will be recognized Sunday during our Divine Worship at 10:45 A.M. They are guests for the Senior Breakfast at 8:00 and will receive a gift from the church during the worship hour. They will meet in the Parlor at 10:35 to robe for the Processional. The astericks indicate church members.

*Thomas Banet

*Kathee Bryan

*Sally Cline

Mike Craig

*Debra Gump

*Carolyn Hendricks

Tim Hartzler

*Cindy Hunt

Robert Neal

*Margo Parlette

Henry Schryver

*Emily Weicker

Claudia Weiss

*John Williams III

*Linda Yentes

We also want to salute our college graduates. Will graduates or their families report this information to the church office as soon as possible?

PANTRY NEEDS:

Canned Fruits

Canned Vegetables

SEVENING JUNE 3

Elders

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and
Eugene Klepfer

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and
Andrew Cook

8:00 P.M. Larry Barnes

Deacons

8:15 A.M. T. Ogles, S. Cole,
P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. A. Mowery, E.

O'Laughlin, L. Timbrook, M.

Finkhousen, L. Johns, H. Banet,
M. Crouse, D. Andrew

Deaconesses

Betty Grimm and Jennie Morrical

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, T.

Banet, J. Kirsch, R. Flickin-
ger, G. Hunt, M. Terry

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, D. Allen,
R. Chevalier, S. Rayl, G.

Bozarth, A. Smith

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: 420 Walter Keebortz
247 Mrs. Sarah Likens

St. Joseph: 629 Cheri Crebb
507 Mrs. Linda VanWagner

Lutheran: 663 William Taylor
636 Mrs. Pearl Wilkie

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Mrs. James (Anna) Hirshy died at Parkview Hospital on May 29. Mrs. Hirshy will be remembered as a long time member of this church and as a teacher for 25 years in the Nursery Department. The funeral is Thursday at 1:30 at the Klaehn Funeral Home, Dr. Cline conducting services.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Emma Schell and family in the death of her brother, Morris Eubank on May 24.

THREE RESPONSES TO INVITATION

MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN TAULBEE,

7224 Selkirk, 16, 447-5173, identified with us in transfers of membership. Steve comes from the First Presbyterian Church in Hazzard, Kentucky. Janie comes from the Republican Christian Church in Cynthiana, Kentucky. He is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky in Business Administration and is now employed at Sears in Glenbrook in Plumbing and Heating. She is a graduate of Georgetown College and is a secretary in the Commercial Loan Department of Indiana Bank and Trust.

SHELLIE SCHELL came forward to express a recommitment of life to Christ also during our Invitation. We rejoice in her dedication and continuing life in Christ.

CHURCH BOARD MEETING

The last church board meeting of the current board will be at 8:00 next Tuesday, June 5. Items for action likely will include final action to remove names from roll of unknown addresses or contacts, two endorsements of members for the Flinn Home, an Outreach Committee recommendation for the use of the Capital Outreach Memorial Fund for this year, a technical change concerning investment of the Church Vocation Memorial Fund Income account, a plan for stewardship education and commitment for June, and a possible Evangelistic calling program.

The elders will meet at 7:00 and will complete their study of Ephesians as well as do business.

THANKS TO MEMBERS OF CHURCH

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated. Opal Heller

JUNE 10 IS PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost stands equal to Christmas and Easter on the church calendar. Let us respond in celebration of this vital day to the Christian community.

JUNE 24 IS INSTALLATION SUNDAY

All new and continuing church board members will share in this special service at 10:45 A.M. on this Sunday. Plan toward this day.

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL QUARTER BEGINS

The new quarter in our church school will begin on Sunday, June 10. Two new opportunities are being offered. One is a Serendipity Class, "Groups in Action", led by Dr. Cline. The second is of a different nature, in that it is specially designed for those who know they will be irregular in their summer attendance in that each Sunday is a complete unit in itself. We will be using the tapes, "Men of Vision", which contain a presentation by such men as Lloyd Ogilvie, Bruce Larson, Ben Johnson, Keith Miller, Elton Trublood, and others, followed by discussion time, and a closing statement by the man giving the presentation. The discussion will be led by Miriam Bixenman. The particular tape to be used each Sunday will be announced in TIDINGS each week. Any adult classes who so desire will continue through the summer. The Serendipity Class will meet in the Adult Class Room on the ground floor. The "Men of Vision" class will meet in the Christian Education Office.

60 AND OVER TEA

This Sunday, June 3, from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. we will have a tea for all those 60 and over. This will be an event at which we will begin to make plans for several future events for this age group. Dorothy Ikenberry and Margaret Love are in charge. Come, join the fun and fellowship and bring your friends. If you need transportation, call the church office.

SECOND HOUR

Last Sunday was the last time we will have a full second hour for our children until next fall. This Sunday, June 3, there will still be a class for Nursery and one for others' second grade and below. Beginning June 10, there will be only one class, for all pre school (under first grade) children. A full schedule will resume next September. During the summer, children are asked to attend the worship service with their parents.

5th AND 6th GRADE CLASS PARTY

The 5th & 6th grade church school class, taught by Mrs. Clair Buskirk, Mrs. Ralph Church and Mrs. Harold Nordblom will have a party and possible swim time on Friday evening, June 1, from 8:00 to 11:00 P.M. The party will be held at the Victoria Square Party Room, 1802 Chartwell (the same building in which Miriam Bixenman lives). Bring your swim suit, towel, 75¢ and a can of soda pop. Parents please bring the young people direct to the party room and pick them up there following the party.

CAMPS AND CONFERENCES

In addition to the nine previously listed, the following of our youth are registered for our summer camps and conferences; all at Barbee:

Lorinda Ruble, Camp 5-6, July 1-7
Brenna Ruble, Camp 5-6, July 1-7
Jeffery Morris, Camp 5-6, July 1-7
Marty Cole, Camp 7-8, July 8-14
Barbara Finkhousen, Camp 7-8,

July 8-14

Becky Richardson, Camp 7-8,

July 22-28

Kenneth Taylor, Conference 9-10

July 29-August 4

Barbara Taylor, Conference 11-12,
August 5-11

Douglas Allen, Conference 11-12,
August 5-11

In order to insure acceptance in the camp of your choice, we urge that you get your registration and \$20.00 fee in as soon as possible.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES

Junior Disciples will be having a cook out Sunday, June 3, from 4:00 - 7:00. We will meet at the church and then go to Packard Park. If the weather does not permit we will stay at the church.

RADIO BROADCAST DURING JUNE

WGL-1250 on the radio dial will carry our Worship from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M., during June, beginning this Sunday the 3rd. It will be taped at our 8:15 hour and played at 10:30 A.M.

THANK YOU

The CYF wishes to thank all who helped in any way with their show on May 20: Dr. and Mrs. Cline, Don & Barbara Short, Ray Fredericks, Bob & Natalie Urich, Mel Busse, Ben & Val Taylor, Marvin & Vivian Cro-use, Jackie & Ted Bryan, Sara Davis, Peg Buskirk, Bill Urich, Lori Passwater, Cory Church, Walter & Deloris Keebortz, and Miriam Bixenman, as well as all who donated pies or cakes, all who came to the show.

YOU ARE INVITED

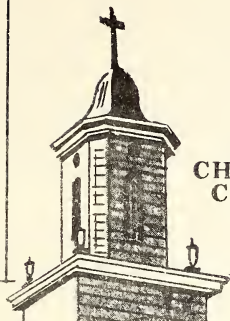
You are invited to attend a day of recognition for Dr. and Mrs. Frank Lansing at the Liberty Hills Baptist Church, 5600 Westbreeze Trail, June 3, 1973. Reception 3:00 to 5:00 P.M., Church Fellowship Hall.

FAMILY CAMP OUT MEETING

There will be a meeting of all those who are going on the family camp out June 8, 9, & 10 at Forest Ridge Park, in the Church Parlor immediately following the second worship service this Sunday, June 3. This will be a very brief meeting. Be sure to come or to contact Russ Wortley to clear final plans. Reservations may still be made by calling Russ. Forest Ridge Camp Ground is located near Larwill, off old U.S. 30. Entertainment includes bicycling, hayrides, horseshoes, hiking, swimming, swings and a sandbox for the small fry. Rates are \$3.00 per day plus 50¢ if you need electricity. Families pay for their own fees and provide their own transportation, food, and equipment. Some equipment is available for loan, however.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

- 8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
- 9:30 A.M. Church School
- 10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
- 6:30 P.M. Homemade Ice Cream
and Claudia Weiss speaking
- 8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 11

- 7:30 P.M. Guild, Mildred
Hartman, 422 W. Oakdale
- 7:30 P.M. Koinonia Group, Russ
Wortleys', 2229 Drake

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

- 9:00 A.M. Vacation Church School
- 1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Parlor
- 7:30 P.M. Church Cabinet
- 8:00 P.M. Montgomery Group

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

- 9:00 A.M. Vacation Church School
- 4:00 P.M. CYF at McMillan Park
- 6:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Pagoda
Resturant

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

- 9:00 A.M. Vacation Church School
- 8:00 P.M. College and Career,
Barbara Love, 341 W. Maple Grove

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned soup
Pork and Beans



PENTECOST--

The church celebrates its birthday and the empowering of life by the Holy Spirit. Pentecost reminds us that the Spirit is promised to every professing Christian. It recalls in a vivid manner the power of Christ to save the world.

- 8:15 A.M. WORSHIP - Service is taped for broadcast over 1250-WGL at 10:30 A.M.
- 9:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL - New quarter begins with two new elective classes in rooms 120 and 301.
- 10:45 A.M. WORSHIP - Choir recognition
Morning Sermon: "CELEBRATING GOD ALIVE IN MAN" - Acts 2:1-42
Phillipans 2:1-13
- 8:00 P.M. CELEBRATION WORSHIP
Opportunity for those out of town in morning - PARTICIPATION

SERVING JUNE 10

Elders

8:15 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Cecil Rice
10:45 A.M. William Schilling
and Harold Crowder
8:00 P.M. Rolland Ripple

Deacons

8:15 A.M. M. Grimm, R. Hen-
dricks, R. Petty, D. Pomeroy
10:45 A.M. J. Hechler, R.
Ogles, T. Frappier, O. Mc-
Dougle, E. Allen, W. Bowen,
R. Cole, R. Gerow

Deaconesses

Ruth Plummer and Sharon Freder-
icks

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, R.
White, J. Weicker, M. Olson,
D. Smith, G. VanWagner
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, D. Olson,
R. Chevalier, D. Passwater, J.
Sauerwein, M. Smith

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

St. Joseph: 606 David Hogg

Parkview: 746 Guy Binkley

420 Walter Keebortz

242 Mrs. Jessie Vernor

Lutheran: 636 Mrs. Pearl
Wilkie

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Walter C. Birkhold, a member since 1925, Elder Emeritus, and formerly a Trustee and Financial Secretary, died suddenly on 5-29. Services were held on June 1 at the church. Sympathy is extended to Ethel and the host of folks who will miss him.

HOMEMADE ICE CREAM & AFS STUDENT

This Sunday at 6:30 P.M., Claudia Weiss, who hails from Weinheim, Germany, and who has been with the Clines since last August, will speak and answer questions. Included will be slides of her home area including Heidleberg.

The Membership Committee is in charge. Any willing to donate a freezer of ice cream or a cake should call Judy Church, 447-5691.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Karen Flickinger, a M of Ed from IU
Marlene Crouse, a BS in Nursing
from Purdue

Jane Elizabeth Weicker, an A.D. in
Nursing Technology from Purdue
If there are others of which we are
unaware now--please contact the ch-
urch office.

MAY AVERAGES

Church Worship	339
Church School	159
Budget Giving	\$1675.04
Appeal Giving	260.75

THANK YOU TO CHURCH PEOPLE

Mr. James Hirshy expresses a debt of gratitude to the people of the church who shared in his loss through food, flowers, visits, and shared concern.

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Wallace Glenn Miller and Jacqueline Elaine Hughes on 5/26/73. They are residing at 1802 Foxpoint, 16.

ADDITIONAL CAMPER

Nancy Hendricks will be attending Camp 7-8 at Barbee the week of July 8-14.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Our 1973 Vacation Church School begins next Tuesday, June 12, continuing on June 13, 14, 19, 20 & 21. Theme for the school is "Created by God". There will be classes for those who were three before last October 1, for Kindergarten (those entering next fall and who attended last year), and for all who have completed grades 1-6. Classes will meet each of the six days from 9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Administrators for our VCS are Jeanne Gerow and Andrea Benny. Teachers include Sandy Zimmerman and Sharon Fredericks for Nursery (3 year olds); Sue Knuckles and Judi Passwater for Kindergarten; Marilyn Byers and Sylvia Smith for first and second grades; Karen Doeberman and Rose Jenkins for third and fourth grades; and Pat Norman and Rosemary Krull for grades five and six. Connie Knight will lead the singing, with Lori Passwater as pianist. Youth assisting with the school include Schellie Schell, Val Williams, Lee Ann Urich, Melanie Tracey, Doug Allen, Barbara Finkhousen, Diana Wortley, and Dawn Schrock. Irene Cline and Grace Truby are in charge of the kitchen.

Be sure to enroll your child in this six day school designed to acquaint him more fully with God and the Bible and give him opportunity to see how he fits into God's plan of continuing creation.

NEW QUARTER

This Sunday marks the beginning of the new summer quarter in our Church School. There will continue to be regular adult classes which choose to meet all summer, but, in addition, there will be two elective opportunities: A Serendipity Class, "Groups in Action" led by Dr. Cline and a class especially designed for those who know they may be irregular in their attendance during the summer or for others interested. This class will use the tapes "Men of Vision" and will be led by Miriam Bixenman. Each tape provides a presentation by a well known personality and time for interaction by the group. The first
continued next column

NEW QUARTER, continued

tape to be used this Sunday is one prepared by Robert Raines, a suburban minister and writer who courageously led his church in mission outreach and creative worship. The Serendipity Class will meet in Room 120 and the Men of Vision class will meet in Miriam Bixenman's office.

THANKS TO PICTORIAL DIRECTORY HELP

Irene Cline, Sharon Fredericks, and Delmas Young assisted on the make-up day. Carolyn and Julie Hendricks, Schellie Schell, Val Williams, and Doug Allen helped on proof selection days.

FROM THE PASTOR:

May I focus on three concerns which are on my mind.

1. SUNDAY IS PENTECOST!

This is a Christian holiday which equals Christmas and Easter in religious significance. Because it has not been commercialized we have often done little with the day. Since it is the birthday of the church, this Sunday of all Sundays is the one on which every able Christian should join in the worship of the church. If it were not for the gift and empowering of the Spirit which brings Christ into human life, the significance of Christmas and Easter would be lost as relics of ancient history. LET'S CELEBRATE PENTECOST!

2. May I remind evangelistic callers to return the response form for summer calling to the church office by June 10. Likewise, may all elders, deacons, deaconesses serving in 1973-74 return the response form to help in scheduling for the new church year. These responses are important for thrust ahead. Our spring calling program was most meaningful and fruitful. Let's push on!

3. Our budget account slid the wrong way in May. We began May with a deficit of \$3,498 and ended May with a deficit of \$3,874. We need to erase this by June 30! We began last July 1 with a deficit of \$1,038. While we have held spending \$4389 under budget allotments, our giving is now \$7,325 under budget needs. We CAN if we will GIVE!

Harold E. Cline

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

Our final special day world outreach offering will be received this Sunday. It has been moved to Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the church, rather than Children's Day as we have observed for many years. The Children's Day envelopes from the sets or the special Pentecost envelopes in the pews may be used. The total Church School offering of this Sunday also goes for this cause. Because of our budget deficit, our regular support of overseas ministry has been sharply curtailed this year. Thus, we would encourage generous and large gifts for this cause.

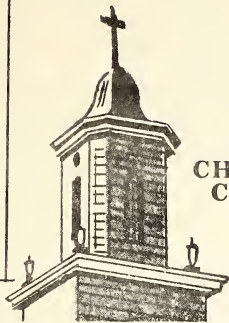
In our OVERSEAS MINISTRY program 57% of money is used for staff salary and expenses of travel, housing, medical care, and education of children; 26% is used for direct program assistance of overseas churches; 17% is used for administration, education, and interpretation.

Our work is spread over six continents and much of it is now with autonomous churches which have resulted from previous efforts. Yet, even these need our help from time to time.

COLLEGE AND CAREER SERENDIPITY

All college persons including recent highschool graduates and working singles are invited to this weekly group each Thursday. The Serendipity interaction and study will be from 8:00 to 9:30 P.M. "Rap"--one of the Serendipity studies will be utilized as a resource. The opening session will be with Barbara Love, 341 W. Maple Grove. Dr. Cline will give initial staff leadership. THURSDAY, JUNE 14 starting at 8:00!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 18

7:15 P.M. Evangelistic Calling

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

9:00 A.M. Vacation Church School

7:30 P.M. C.W.F.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

9:00 A.M. Vacation Church School

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

9:00 A.M. Vacation Church School

7:15 P.M. Evangelistic Calling

8:00 P.M. College and Career

PANTRY NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT
CANNED VEGETABLES

PREPARE FOR COMING SERMONS

June 17 - "Penetrating the World"

Matthew 5:13-16; Luke 13:19;

Matthew 13:33; John 17

June 24 - "Validating Our Christian
Community" I Corinthians 13:1-13;

Matthew 20:20-28; Colossians 3:
12-17; Matthew 25:31-46

From July 1 through September 2,
the sermons will come from beloved
Psalms except for vacation Sundays.
It would be well to read and reread
the Psalms during the summer mon-
ths.

RADIO BROADCAST DURING JUNE:

Our 8:15 A.M. Worship Service
is being taped and played at
the 10:30 hour over WGL-1250
on your radio dial. Spread
the word of the broadcast to
our homebound and others who
can share with us by radio.

SERVING JUNE 17

Elders

8:15 A.M. James Ruble and
William Crouse
10:45 A.M. Robert Rayl and
Larry Barnes

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Gump, C. Het-
rick, A.E. Huddleston, R. John-
son
10:45 A.M. W. Koehlinger, V.
Moore, T. Ogles, S. Cole, P.
Yentes, A. Mowery, E. O'Laughlin

Deaconesses

Beverly Hendricks and Ruth Yentes

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, T.
Banet, J. Kirsch, R. Flickin-
ger, G. Hunt, M. Terry
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, D. Allen,
R. Chevalier, R. Clifton, G.
Bozarth, A. Smith

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Parkview: 242 Mrs. Jessie Vernor
746 Guy Binkley
Lutheran: 589 Mrs. Ethel Richhart
414 Earl Fusselman
894 Mrs. Diana Williams

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

John Henry Weicker and Sandra
Jayne Sunderland on 6-8-73. They
are residing at 2220 Dunkleberg
Road, Lot 317, 09, 747-4219.

OPEN CHURCH WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Weicker
request the honor of your pres-
ence at the marriage of their
daughter, Jane Elizabeth, to Mr.
Richard Louis Hahn, on Friday,
June 22 at 7:30 in the church
worship nave and afterwards to
the reception in the Fellowship
Hall.

TWO RESPONSES TO INVITATION

MR. and MRS. GALE VANWAGNER, 7215
Autumn View Drive, 16, 447-2996, id-
entified with us in a transfer of
membership from Parkview Church of
Christ. Gale is employed by ITT and
works with Transister Receivers.
Linda is in the home with Sam, a
second grader, and Rhonda and Fred,
pre-schoolers. She is also employed
part-time at Golden Years Homestead.
We welcome this family in this tie
among us in common surrender to
Christ.

CWF GENERAL MEETING. . . . JUNE 19

The CWF General Meeting will be
Tuesday, June 19, at 7:30 P.M. The
new officers will be installed. The
Guild is in charge of the installa-
tion. The Spice Group are hostesses
and the Brummel Group will serve re-
freshments.

WEEKDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HELP

Folders and Special Envelopes for
any who desire to pay \$6.50 which is
the direct cost for the Weekday Ch-
ristian Education program per child
in our community will be available
Sunday. This is over-and-above giv-
ing which we are making available.
Support the cost of one or more ch-
ildren. Checks should be made to
First Christian Church and the sp-
ecial envelopes given back to the
church. We are not headlining this
appeal since we give \$200 a month to
Associated Churches and are increas-
ing it to \$250 per month starting
July 1.

LAWN CARE: Earl Fusselman is now
doing our lawn and shrub care. Th-
anks for the special attention being
given to it, Earl!

SIGNIFICANT CHURCH BOARD ACTIONS OF JUNE 8, 1973

The Treasurer's Report showed a deficit at the end of the month in the church budget operating fund of \$3,874.29. This reflects our giving which is over \$7,000 below budget needs as well as the deficit at the beginning of this church year. We are anxious to receive any special giving to eliminate this deficit by June 30th.

Upon recommendation by the board of elders, the following persons were removed from our rolls as members because of the lack of any contact or known possible lead to establish contact--these persons may be reinstated at any time in the future that the person involved would request such action: Cora Adams, Ruth Adams, Mrs. Hubert Adkinson, Ether Akers, Mrs. Dwight Allen, Fred Anderson, Doris Anderson, Mary Anderson, Mrs. Donald Angell, H.E. Atkinson, Laura Sue Austin, Veneta Armitage, Thelma Bailey, Mrs. Dewey Barnes, Georgia Barnes, Lewis & Wilma Beeler, Jean Beirsdorfer, Mrs. F.O. Baldwin, Alice Bird, Betty Bodkin, Raymond Bowman, Joan Brott, Alma Brown, Richard E. Brown, Guy & Ada Bruss, Agnes Butts, Brice Butterfield, Annie Cameron, Mary Cameron, Roberta Church, Clyde & Jean Copeland, Linda Cook, Dorothy Corey, George & Helen Cowen, Mrs. Eugene Craig, Edwin Craig, Barbara Crosley, Vola Davis, Dorothy Dawson, Helen Dawson, Charles Dean, Mrs. Wm. DeRolf, Mrs. Frederick Dettloff, Wm. & Charlotte Dickson, David Dilts, Dale Drake, James & Lettie Dudley, Ella Dyer, John Dunn, K.E. Dwyer, Mrs. Rosice Fisher, Judith Fugate, Madonna Furguson, Dorothy Gerber, Dorothy Grandstaff, Harold & Lois Green, Mr. & Mrs. Dale Hadley, Richard Haffner, James Haffner, Anita Hammerlund, Douglas W. Harrison, Beryl & Rovenia M. Harrison, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hasler, Elizabeth Hess, Shirley Hightchew, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hill, Deryll Hobbs, Elva Hoke, John Holderman, Teddy Horibe, Ora Huff, Lawrence & Mary Hume, G.B. & Mary Hunt, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Huffman, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Jones, Wm. & Laura Jones, Margaret Jordan, J. Raymond Keller, Jack & Maxine Kelly, Wanda Kelly, Manuel Kelly, James Kingman, Robert Kinnaman Knox, Mardelle Kean, Ruby Leggett, Dorothy Leggett, Mrs. Howard Leggett, Traffa & Marie LaFava, Albert & Dorothea Libbey, Merle Long, Anne MacDowell, Leslie MacDowell, Gregory MacDowell, Warren McFerran, Waunita McKinley, Mary Ann McLellan, Barbara McNamee, Paul Maholm, Raymond Maple, Mrs. J.A. Martin, Janet Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Manley, Betty Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Moore, Howard Moore, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Montgomery, Joan Mumy, Charles Mumy, Karen Munson, Joseph Neville, Carl & Gladys Nickerson, Elaine Olive, Thomas Owen, Sally Parker, Wm. Parker, Virginia Paul, Mrs. W.E. Pretzer, Mrs. Lloyd Putt, Lloyd & Sally Rader, Edwin & Frances Reddick, Nancy Ann Reddick, Stephan Reddick, Herman Redmerski, LaVerne Reddm, Beatrice Rinehart, Robert Rinehard, Laura Ann Rhodes, Mrs. Verne Rodiger, Robert & Carolyn Rogers, Charles & Joyce Rudicil, Barbara Rudicil, John & Alice Sanders, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Schmidt, Mrs. H.M. Schultz, Robert Scott, Robert Shearer, Donald A. Shephard, Shirly Sidle, Ralph & Margaret Simmons, Charles Staley.

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BOARD MEETING (from page three)

Mrs. Scott Stephens, Mr. & Mrs. J. Ray Stephenson, Harold Stigers, Daryle Stigers, Michael Stigers, R. Michael Symms, Opal Shipley Wm. Taylor, Wm. & Thelma Thompson, Roland Toth, Wm. Trumbower, Mrs. Walter VanEtten, Roy Wagner, Wendall & Alyce Wallace, Darwin & Doris Weikel, Robert & Doris White, Mr. & Mrs. C.A. Whitmer, Michael Wells, Viola Wesling, Larry W. Wellman, Dow E. Wilkins, Russell Wilkins, David H. Williams, Mrs. LeRoy Wise, Wm. & JoyZell Woods, C.E. Woodward, Dorothy Yaney, Nancy Zeburg, Rebecca Zuber.

Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, the church board voted approval of the following change of paragraph 2 of Page 2 of our Program and Policies for Memorials, Special Gifts, and Will Bequests to First Christian of Fort Wayne ORIGINAL READING: "Income and accumulated income of the Fund shall be deposited in s separate account maintained at a local financial institution, which should be a type of account permitting withdrawals as opposed to a time deposit account." NEW APPROVED READING: "Income and accumulated income of the Fund shall be deposited to facilitate usage in the Church Vocation programs and to maximize interest earnings consistent with policies of the funds."

The Board also approved the Stewardship and Commitment program for 1973-74 which includes no formal commitment signing at the beginning of the church year, proposes an intensive stewardship education program from June through September 1973, and Faith Commitments in the three worships of September 30.

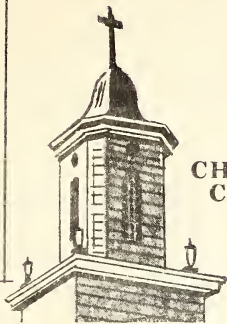
The Board also sustained a decision of the Finance Committee to make available but not to pressure for scholarship subsidies for children in Weekday Religious Education in Fort Wayne. The reason for less intensive action is that we have fulfilled our \$200 per month giving through June and plan to increase this to \$250 per month starting in July. The information and envelopes will be made available for use on June 17.

Mrs. Opal V. Heller and Mr. Jay J. McCarel were both recommended for admission into the Emily E. Flinn Home. Both have been faithful and have served in leadership roles for many years.

The Information Services committee was sustained in recommending the publishing of an annual directory to cover two church years which will be mailed prior to September 6, 1973. It will cover July 1, 1971 through June 30, 1973.

The Evangelism Committee reported on its joy over the impact of the Lent-on Calling Program with 13 decisions reflected in 38 appointment calls. It is inviting others to share in calling during the summer months starting June 18.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

Service taped to be played

at 10:30 A.M. over WGL

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

SERMON: "Validating Our
Christian Community"

I Corinthians 13:1-13; Matthew

20:20-48; Colossians 3:12-17;

Matthew 25:31-46

8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 25

10:00 A.M. Study Group, Parlor

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

7:30 P.M. Planning Committee

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

7:30 P.M. CWF Planning Meeting

(Officers, Directors, Group
Leaders)

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

FRUIT & VEGETABLE NEEDS: Canned Fruit and
Canned Vegetables

INSTALLATION OF LEADERS

Our congregational leadership joins in a special service of consecration as newly elected church officers are ordained or installed, continuing officers make rededication, and our congregation binds itself together under these leaders. This special service will be at 10:45 A.M. this Sunday, June 24. It will be early in the hour so that any who have shared in the early worship may leave immediately following.

To be ordained as elders of our congregation are Charles Ludwig, Don Passwater, and Dean Widler. Installed as elders in a new term are George Bruckman, Bill Franklin, William Love, Floyd Morrical, Merle Rice, and Ben Taylor.

Continuing elders sharing in the service are Andrew Cook, William Crouse, David Griggs, Bert Leversee, Earl Plummer, Robert Rayl, Rolland Ripple, Rufus Quinn, Larry Barnes, George Davis, John Merrill, Hugh Rice, William Schilling, Fred Smell and Mark Snyder.

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SERVING JUNE 24

Elders

8:15 A.M. James Ruble and
Rolland Ripple

10:45 A.M. Harold Crowder and
Fred Smell

8:00 P.M. Bert Leversee

Deacons

8:15 A.M. L. Timbrook, M. Finkhousen,
L. Johns, H. Banet

10:45 A.M. M. Crouse, D. Andrew,
M. Grimm, R. Hendricks, R. Petty,
D. Pomeroy, J. Hechler, R. Ogles

Deaconesses

Beverly Hendricks and Ruth Yentes

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, T. Banet,
J. Kirsch, R. Flickinger, G. Hunt,
M. Terry

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, D. Allen,
R. Chevalier, S. Rayl, G. Boz-
arth, A. Smith

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

St. Joseph: 304 Charles Speicher

Lutheran: 560 Paul Wilcoxson

669 Mrs. Ardith Wrisk

894 Mrs. Diana Williams

Parkview: 746 Guy Binkley

FUNERAL OF ACTIVE ELDER:

Walter Keebortz died suddenly on June 16 and his funeral was in the worship nave on June 18. He was serving as an elder, church school teacher for Grades 3 & 4, and CYF counselor. He had been a deacon previously. He joined First Christian in 1958. Sympathy is extended to Delores, Millie and Scott.

NEW CYF OFFICERS

President - Lee Ann Urich

Vice-President - Schellie Schell

Secretary-Treasurer - Jeff

Frappier

ADDITIONAL CAMP REGISTRANTS:

Shellie Barnes, Camp 5-6, July 15-21 at Barbee

Pat Olson, Camp 7-8, July 8-14 at Barbee

Chad Cline, Camp 9-10, July 29-August 4, Wee-ah-pah-ko

THANK YOUS

"Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any words of thanks can ever express."

The Anna Hirshy Family

"It's with grateful appreciation that I thank all those who have shared in my great loss. Our minister, prayers offered in my behalf, the lovely flowers and memorials, expressions of sympathy through food and cards, and other services of kindness---all these are helping me through the difficult days. May God bless you all."

Ethel Birkhold

PLANNING FOR THE NEW CHURCH YEAR

Judy Church has called a meeting for the general officers, circle leaders, and directors of C.W.F. for 7:30, Wednesday, June 27. C.W.F. planning and preparation will be central.

The CHURCH CABINET is having a Retreat for development and planning on Saturday, June 30 from 9:00 A.M. until 3:30 P.M. at the church.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS:

\$410.63 was received for the Pentecost Outreach Special Day offering.

\$49 was received in special gifts for Weekday Christian Education of Associated Churches.

APPEAL FOR OFFERING OF \$5,782.03 ON SUNDAY, JUNE 24

The most sacrificial--generous--and immediate giving is encouraged this week. We are calling all to prayer and giving to try to eliminate a long-standing problem of our operating budget account running in the red. The figure of \$5,782.03 has been established to pay all current bills this month which ends our church year and to eliminate the accumulated deficit.

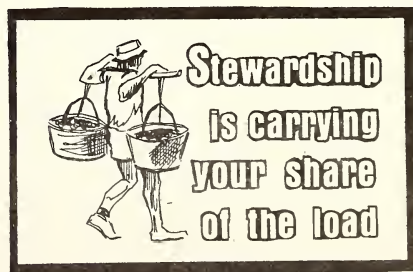
WE ARE CALLING TO PRAYER AND GIVING--

- Non-Resident Members who still claim First Christian
- Inactive members who have neglected support to maintain the church in the community.
- Active Givers who have not given in proportion to resources and income.
- Youth who are now earning regular income.
- Regular givers to make sure all giving is current.
- Every members to express a stake in the church.
- Friends of the church who desire the church to serve responsibly and effectively in community and world.

We are completing the first year with an accurate accounting of our spending according to budgetary allotments. Thus we know exactly where we are in our projections and actual spending. The three accounts running in excess of budgeted amounts are Office Ministry, Membership Development and Property. Yet, we have held back in Outreach payments to maintain the least possible deficit. In spite of effort to limit expenditures, the inflated costs of building and operating expenses equal our current deficit. THE REAL ISSUE IS THAT OUR GIVING HAS NOT REFLECTED OUR INFLATED INCOMES.

STEWARDSHIP IS CARRYING YOUR SHARE OF THE LOAD

We recognize that we have members who cannot afford to give. Others are on limited incomes and give sacrificially. We are not trying to saddle guilt and burden on these, in fact we stand ready to help where we can. Our appeal is to all who have adequate resources. Every Christian and person should help carry the load of the church if we desire its influence and impact in the world today.



BRING YOUR GIFTS WITH EXPECTANCY AND DEDICATION ON SUNDAY, JUNE 24 AT 10:15 A.M., 10:45 A.M. or 8:00 P.M. IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND OR ARE OUT OF TOWN, PLEASE MAIL YOUR GIFTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. BE A PART OF GOING OVER \$5,782.03 ON JUNE 24th! LET'S END THIS CHURCH YEAR IN THE BLACK!

INSTALLATION OF LEADERS (from page one)

William Caldwell, recently elected Elder Emeritus, and Al Schell and Robert Clipp, elected similarly a year ago, will share in a special consecration.

Deacons to be installed for a new term are Ron Aker, Doug Allen, Rex Clifton, Herdis Helmuth, Tom Knuckles, Bruce Lehman, George Ludwig, Fred Richardson, Jack Sauerwein, Don Short, Homer Stevenson, Jim Taylor, Robert Urich, Dempsey Weaver, Delmas Young, and Jerry Zimmerman.

Continuing deacons to be recognized include Tom Frappier, John Hechler, Robert Hendricks, Orie McDougale, Robert Ogles, Robert Petty, Donalds Pomeroy, Ed Allen, Sr., Walter Bowen, Romane Cole, Stanley Cole, Ronald Gerow, Walter Gump, Lawrence Horn, Art Huddleston, Robert Johnson, Wayne Koehlinger, Vernon Moore, Tom Ogles, and Russell Wortley.

Deaconesses to be installed are Virginia Bruckman, Peggy Buskirk, Mary Cook, Marlene Crouse, Amelia Dare, Fran Eckert, Mimi Hunt, Delores Keebortz, Rosemary Krull, Dorothy Merriman, Ruby Mowery, Edna Nordblom, Marguarite Quinn, Barbara Taylor, Val Williams, Evelyn Yeoman.

Continuing deaconesses to share in acts of commitment are Judy Aker, Lois Finkhousen, Genevieve Ripple, Mary Sue Ludwig, Penny Beachley, Helen Clymore, Karen Flickinger, Sharon Fredericks, Betty Grimm, Carole Lee, Marge Lehman, Jennie Morrical, Betty Olson, Delores Overmeyer, Doris Sauerwein, Helen Williams, and Ruth Yentes.

New Trustees to be installed are George Bruckman and Merle Grimm. Other trustees are: Bert Leversee, William Crouse, and Hugh Rice.

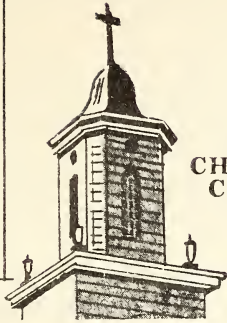
Other officers recently elected to be installed for only one year terms are: Andy Cook, Treasurer; Ron Flickinger, Assistant Treasurer, Herb Banet, Memorial and Special Fund Treasurer; Merle Grimm, Financial Secretary; Edna Vaught, Church Clerk; and Assistant Financial Secretaries--Ralph Church, Jack Weicker, Andy Crowe, Colyn Crowder, and Mildred Hutchinson.

Special recognition will be given to trustees who have completed service, namely David Hogg and Wendall Glass.

Also to be recognized are retiring church officers: Elders, Ralph Church, Harold Crowder, Ray Fredericks, Eugene Klepfer, Glenn Miller, Cecil Rice, James Ruble. Deacons: Dennis Andrew, Herbert Banet, Marvin Crouse, Max Finkhousen, Merle Grimm, Leon Johns, Arthur Mowery, Bud O'Laughlin, LeRoy Timbrook, Paul Yentes. Deaconesses: Norma Andrews, Judy Church, Beverly Hendricks, Margaret Love, Ruth Plummer, Ruth Ogles, and Janet Weicker.

ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PERSONS ARE ASKED TO JOIN TOGETHER IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 10:35 A.M. TO PREPARE FOR THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN SO THAT ALL CAN BE GROUPED TOGETHER IN THE FRONT OF THE WORSHIP NAVE.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. CHURCH CABINET RETREAT at Merle Rice's-- meet at church at 8:40 to ride out.

SUNDAY, JULY 1

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
Commissioning of youth going to Camp and Conference
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JULY 2

7:30 P.M. Youth Study, Barbara Taylor, 5215 Werling Drive
7:30 P.M. Sounding Board Committee

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

Independence Day - Church
Office Closed

PANTRY NEEDS:

Pork and Beans
Canned Soup

GIVING VICTORY

Although we have not reached the total goal of \$5,782.03 in giving for June 24, we had received \$4,146.09 as of Monday noon. Giving received by Friday noon will be added on to this total as we complete the church year. This large giving for budget needs is truly a victory. It represents one of the largest, if not the largest offerings received for budget giving.

Our giving on Sunday also raised the total Pentecost special offering to \$431.63. This amount is being sent this week for mission, education, benevolence, and general work in state and nation. The designated giving for Weekday Christian Education over our \$200 per month also reached \$107.50. Appeal giving has averaged \$521 per week in June.

THANKS FOR THE GENEROUS, SACRIFICIAL, AND IMMEDIATE RESPONSE IN GIVING. A final report will be given next week.

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 595 Charles Hunt

Mrs. Rose Jenkins, who had surgery on 6/26.

St. Joseph: 605 William Taylor

Parkview: 746 Guy Binkley

209 Mrs. Nancy Walker

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Richard Louis Hahn and Jane Elizabeth Weicker on 6/22/73. They will reside in West Lafayette this fall where he is studying veterinarian medicine.

FUNERALS BY PASTOR

Mrs. Esther Gibson, a member since 1952, died on 6/22. Services were on Monday. Sympathy is extended to daughters and families.

Mr. Paul Wilcoxson, a member since 1962, died on 6/24. Services were Tuesday. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Colleen, and daughter, Diane, who are also members.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker (Nancy) a son, Robert Kyle on 6/23. Congratulations!

SORRY FOR GOOF:

In reading over 120 names in worship on Sunday, I accidentally read Glenn Miller as Gene Miller. I am sorry for the goof on my part, Glenn! (I knew a Gene Miller during my previous pastorate.)

Harold E. Cline

CHURCH CABINET RETREAT

Our church leadership on the Cabinet will gather for a one-day retreat this Saturday, the 30th. It is being held at the home of Merle Rice on Mahon Road just SW of Roanoke. You can meet at the church parking lot to go as a group at 8:40 A.M. Our Cabinet for 1973-74 includes:

Board Chairman: HUGH RICE

Vice Chairman: ROBERT HENDRICKS

Elder Chairman: GEORGE BRUCKMAN

Deacon Chairman: ROBERT JOHNSON

Deaconesses Chairwoman: LOIS

FINKHOUSEN

CWF President: JUDY CHURCH

CYF President: LEE ANN URICH

Functional Committee Chairpersons:

Education: KAREN FLICKINGER

Evangelism: RON GEROW

Information Services: RUFUS QUINN

Membership: MERLE RICE

Property: CHARLES LUDWIG

Stewardship-Finance: MERLE GRIMM

Sounding Board: JACK WEICKER

Worship: DON PASSWATER

World Outreach: JUDY AKER

Christian Action-Community Service:

ROSEMARY KRULL

Senior Pastor: HAROLD E. CLINE

Minister of Education: MIRIAM

BIXENMAN

ATTENTION TREASURERS:

Your prompt return of the forms reporting balances, income, and expenditures during 1972-73 church year is needed. These must be compiled for a composite sheet next week. Please bring or mail to the church office as soon as possible. Questions??? contact the pastor.

LIVING REMEMBRANCES THROUGH MEMORIAL GIVING

IN REMEMBRANCE, our permanent listing of Memorial Gifts in the Narthex, has now been updated to include all recorded Memorial Gifts to our Church according to present records. It is open for your examination. If there are needed corrections, contact the church office.

From May 15 through June 25, the following Memorial giving has been received by the church. It totals \$522 for Memorial Funds; \$13.00 specified for Weekday Christian Education of Associated Churches; and \$50.00 specified for Budget Giving.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. DOLLYE McMAKEN by *Mr. and Mrs. Walter Birkhold, the Friendly Class*

IN MEMORY OF MERLAND G. HELLER by *Dr. and Mrs. Harold Crowder*

IN MEMORY OF ANNA HIRSCHY by *Mrs. Merazelle Amstrutz and Mrs. Virginia Pelzinger; Lake Shore Road Elementary School Association; Mrs. Mary Wagner, Mrs. Janet Weicker*

IN MEMORY OF MR. AND MRS. O.G. SCHELL by *Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schell*

IN MEMORY OF WALTER C. BIRKHOOLD by *Lester Beck; Lee Fisher; Russell and Nancy Wortley; Vernon and Gladys Moore; James and Helen Schockney, K. Gail and Margaret Hunt; Mr. and Mrs. William Hartzler; Barton and Vivian Johnson; Mrs. Marjorie Buecker; Vaughn and Marvel Brickley; Mrs. Ethel Allen; Mrs. William J. Conrad and Mrs. Clark Atkins; Mrs. Maude Donohue; Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Frankovitch and Mrs. Arthur L. Aiken; Anna Birkhold and Dolly Birkhold and Harold and Rosa Birkhold; Mr. and Mrs. Leland H. Higgins; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bowen; the Progressive Class; Doris Thiebolt, Charles and Mary Sue Ludwig; A.J. and Irene Powell; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ogles; Helen Birkhold family*

IN MEMORY OF WALTER KEEBORTZ by *The Frederick Jenkins Family; The Ben Taylor Family; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weicker; Delores Keebortz; Russell and Nancy Wortley; the Christian Youth Fellowship*

IN MEMORY OF MRS. EDNA MAPEL by *Mrs. Thomas W. Hardy*

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY.

COMMISSIONING SERVICE

At the beginning of our worship at 10:45 A.M. this Sunday, our 22 youth now registered for church camp and conferences this summer will be recognized and commissioned. We rejoice in these and invite others to still sign up for some of the later weeks. It is too late already for certain weeks. Contact Mrs. Bixenman immediately about registration.

CAMP 5-6 at Barbee, 7/1-7/7

Brenna Ruble
Lorinda Ruble
Jeff Morris

CAMP 7-8 at Barbee, 7/8-7/14

Carol Cline
Teresa Gardner
Diana Wortley
Denise Schrock
Dawn Schrock
Marty Cole
Barbara Finkhousen
Becky Richardson
Nancy Hendricks
Pat Olson

CAMP 5-6 at Barbee, 7/15-7/21

Schellie Barnes

CONFERENCE 9-10 at Barbee 7/29-8/4

Kenny Taylor

CONFERENCE 9-10 at Wee-ah-Pah-ko 7/29-8/4

Mike Gardner
Chad Cline

CONFERENCE 11-12 at Barbee 8/5-8/11

Schellie Schell
Val Williams
Debbie Nordblom
Doug Allen
Barbara Taylor

SERMONS FROM PSALMS

The Sunday morning sermons through Labor Day weekend will be developed from one or more Psalms each week. Read and reread these gems of our Biblical worship literature. They include many of the favorite Psalms.

July 1 - "Life Altered by Worship"

Psalms 1, 15, 73

July 8 - "This Is My Father's"

World" Psalms 8, 100, 19:1-6;
24: 1,2; 95:1-7

July 15 - "Serenity of Faith"

Psalms 23, 27, 46

July 22 - "Finding Forgiveness"

Through Confession" Psalms 32,
51, 139

July 29 - Lewis McPherrin, Assoc-

iate Regional Minister of the
Christian Church in Indiana
preaching = Dr. Cline will be
in General Board in St. Louis.

August 5 - "Longing for God"

Psalms 42, 84, 122

August 12 - Vacation Sunday for

Dr. Cline - Special Worship be-
ing planned

August 19 - "A Hearing God"

Psalms 91, 107, 18:1-6

August 26 - "A Faithful God"

Psalms 86, 130

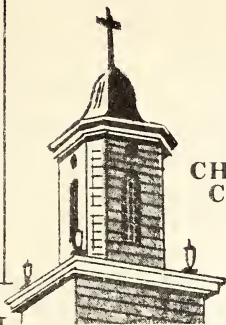
September 2 - "Praise the Lord!"

Psalms 146, 147, 150

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Our summer Vacation Church School averaged 77 participants daily. 84 Pantry items were brought as a special outreach expression. Several parents joined in the final sing, display, and party. Thanks to our staff and all workers!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 1973

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

Sermon: "This Is My Father's
World"

Psalms 8, 100, 19:1-6; 24:1,2;
95:1-7

8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JULY 9

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

TUESDAY, JULY 10

9:30 A.M. Kindergarten Adven-
ture Day to the Zoo

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.

Family Movie "The Ugly Dachsund"

8:00 P.M. College and Career

Mary Jenkins, 4400 Plaza Dr.

THURSDAY, JULY 12

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, JULY

13, 14, & 15

All Church Camp Out-Chain of
Lakes State Park

PAENTRY NEEDS:

Empty small jars

Canned Fruit

FROM THE PASTOR:

We rejoice greatly in the generosity in budget giving which finally totaled \$4,505.49 towards our goal of \$5,782.03 to end June. Appeal Giving totaled \$589.70 and our total deposit was \$5,177.69. Thus our budget giving for the 1972-73 church year virtually equalled expenditures. We will carry forward about the same budget indebtedness as last year. Our Appeal giving for the year was about \$19,000 which continued us well on our way to our total of \$64,000 in the three years. We stand at about 65% of the total committed with a year and a half to go.

This is vacation season. May we ask you to bring worship bulletins back from wherever you worship on Sunday. Sign your name on the cover and put in the hallway box or in the church office. This is an excellent time for refreshing worship in a different format and setting than at home. Remember, the availability of our communion service at 8:00 P.M. on Sundays if you return by that time.

See you Sunday!

Harold E. Cline

SERVING JULY 8

Elders

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and
Earl Plummer

8:00 P.M. Hugh Rice
Coffee Hour Hostess
Helen Clymore

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: s219 Mrs. Helen Miller

St. Joseph: 608 William Taylor

Lutheran: 771 Mrs. Rose Jenkins
894 Mrs. Diana Williams

PASTOR ASSISTS IN WEDDING:

Robert Fiegl and Linda Steed
at St. Jude's Catholic Church on
6/30/73. They will be residing
in Maine.

THANKS:

"Thanks for cards and concern during my hospital stay, and especially Dr. Cline's visits."

Ethel Richhart

COLLEGE AND CAREER SERENDIPITY

All college youth and young singles are invited at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday to the home of Mary Jenkins, 4400 Plaza Drive, on Wednesday, July 11.

ATTENTION CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS

Our regular July meeting will be at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 17.

The September meeting will be on Tuesday, September 4.

LIVING REMEMBRANCES THROUGH
MEMORIAL GIVING

IN MEMORY OF MRS. ESTHER GIBSON
by neighbors of Mrs. Harold Franz
IN MEMORY OF WALTER M. KEEBORTZ
*by friends of Mildred at Lincoln
National Life Insurance Company*

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CAPITAL OUTREACH FUND OF MEMORIAL
FUNDS

Undesignated money received in Memorial Gifts includes 25% set in a fund for annual disbursement for Capital Outreach needs of the larger church. \$166.80 had been accumulated by April 30th during the first year of our structured program for Memorial Gifts.

The following letter was received from the Flinn Home:

June 26, 1973

Dear Friends:

Your gift of \$166.80 to the Emily E. Flinn Home is gratefully acknowledged. This gift has been designated to be used toward refrigerators, washers, and dryers for our residential sections of the Flinn Home.

We deeply appreciate your continuing support of this benevolent ministry to the elderly. We covet your continued concern. If we can be of service to you or to the church, please call on us.

Sincerely,
George L. Florence,
Administrator

AN EXPERIMENT IN DISCIPLINE AND DISCOVERY

This program developed by Ben Campbell Johnson and the Institute of Church Renewal has been scheduled by our congregation for this fall. Shortly chairmen and committees will be formed to begin work on this intensive effort covering three months.

September 9 through October 13 -- Team training through experimenting with disciplines and finding personal and group discoveries. Tapes and workbooks and small groups are utilized greatly in this period. These weeks close with an all-day retreat on the 13th. Any person of our congregation may take advantage of this intensive training which will be scheduled several times a week to give opportunity for all persons.

October 19-21 -- Church-wide retreat led by team members of our own congregation. This intensive weekend includes Friday night, Saturday morning and noon, Saturday night, and Sunday morning and evening. Mark this date on your calendar NOW. It will be a central weekend of our fall program.

October 28 to November 30 -- Small groups experimenting in the disciplines in order to find discoveries. These groups will be formed from those desiring to participate after the Church-wide retreat of October 19-21.

The D & D program is based on experimentation. Persons are challenged to experiment with basic Christian disciplines as prayer, obedience to Scripture, fellowship, witnessing, and giving. This is not "sensitivity training." It is challenging persons to growth through disciplines without enabling fellowship.

CALENDAR IN OUR D & D PROGRAM NOW!

LAY WITNESS AND COORDINATORS CONFERENCE

Disciple Churches in Illinois and Wisconsin are holding this conference from 5:00 P.M. Friday, July 19 until 4:00 P.M., Sunday, July 22. It will be held at First Christian Church in Decatur, Illinois. Registration is \$3.00. Housing will be furnished. Meals will be catered and each will pay for his own meals.

The purpose is to educate and inspire Lay Witnesses and Coordinators, and those who feel they might be so involved in the future. For Lay Witnesses, there will be inspiration, how to witness, small group leadership, observation, relating to individuals, and relating to local churches.

Leaders for the conference include Bettie Griffith, Associate Regional Minister of the Christian Churches in Illinois and Wisconsin; Ruby Cline of our congregation; Harry Dawson, Jr. and Donald Ward--Lay men who participated in our Lay Witness Mission in December.

Registration forms are available in the church office.

ALL CHURCH FAMILY CAMP OUT

The next all church Family Camp Out will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 13, 14, and 15, at Chain of Lakes State Park. Families will pay their own entrance and camping fee at the park and, in so far as possible, provide their own camping equipment. There is some equipment available for loan, however, so if your family is just beginning their camping experience, or you would like to try it, we invite you to join us. Simply call Russell Wortley (747-0905) or Miriam Bixenman in the church office and tell us of your need for equipment. Also, please call one of these two by Saturday, July 7 to let us know if you plan to go, whether or not you have equipment. All who are going, please meet briefly in the Church Parlor immediately following second service this Sunday, July 8, to finalize food plans.

FAMILY MOVIES BEGIN

Again this year we are offering a program of family movies for our own folk and those in our neighborhood. Each movie will be shown at 2:00 and again at 7:00 on the date listed. There will be a brief intermission at each showing, during which penny candy will be sold. All pre school children must be accompanied by an adult or a responsible teenager. Donations are 25¢ for children under 12 and 50¢ for those older and adults. Hugh Rice will be the projectionist for the first movie, with Merle Rice, Rolland Ripple, and Harold Crowder serving as projectionists for the remaining shows. Movies to be shown are as follows:

Wednesday, July 11 - THE UGLY DACHSUND

Wednesday, July 25 - BABES IN TOYLAND

Wednesday, August 8 - a full one and one half hours of CARTOONS

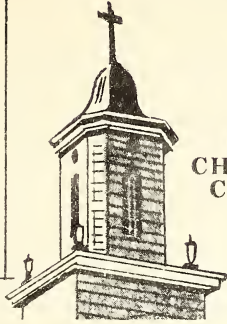
Wednesday, August 22 - SON OF FLUBBER

ADVENTURE DAYS TO BEGIN

Adventure Day for Kindergarten Children will begin the Adventure Day program for this summer. Adventure Day for each age group of children has been planned during the summer months. The Adventure Days are planned to allow the children an experience on their age level that will help them to more fully understand God's care for all of his creatures. Each day includes a fun filled visit to a point of special interest, a time of sharing and understanding of our experiences, and a brief moment of worship. Children are asked to bring a sack lunch for their Adventure Day (drink will be furnished) and money for any entry fees.

The first Adventure Day is for Kindergarten children (those in public school last year or next fall). Children are asked to meet at the church at 9:30, Tuesday, July 10 and are to be picked up again at 12:30. We will visit the Children's Zoo. Each child is to bring 50¢ for admission to the Zoo and a train ride.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

All Church Camp Out, Chain of
Lakes State Park

SUNDAY, JULY 15

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon: "Serenity of Faith"
Psalms 23, 27, 46
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JULY 16

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

TUESDAY, JULY 17

8:00 P.M. Board Meeting

THURSDAY, JULY 19

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

PANTRY NEEDS:

CANNED VEGETABLES
CANNED STEW

NUMBERS ARE PEOPLE

This week we are completing work on our annual membership, evangelism, and stewardship report for the YEAR BOOK OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. We see ourselves through numbers.

PARTICIPATING MEMBERS - 617

This includes all members who participated even once through attendance, giving, or service. Of these 42 are on our special care list because of health or age. 585 live in greater Fort Wayne, while 31 are non-resident, and one currently unknown address.

NON-PARTICIPATING MEMBERS - 343

These members have no recordable giving or attendance or known involvement for one year. 188 of these live in greater Fort Wayne, 90 are non-resident, and 65 are currently unknown for mailing.

On the basis of location, we have 773 resident members, 121 non-resident members, and 66 with unknown addresses.

Last year we reported 602 participating members and 634 non-participating members. We had 56 additions during the year, 40 by
(continued on page four)

SERVING JULY 15

Elders

8:15 A.M. Floyd Morrical and
John Merrill

10:45 A.M. Robert Rayl and
Rolland Ripple

8:00 P.M. Larry Barnes

Deaconesses

Virginia Bruckman and Delores
Overmyer

Coffee Hour Hostess

Rosemary Krull

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: 549 Mrs. Emma Wells
s219 Mrs. Hazel Miller

Lutheran: 894 Mrs. Diana Williams

St. Joseph: 648 Richard Hendricks

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

James Eugene Kelley and Judith
Elaine Morris on July 6, 1973.
They are temporarily residing at
4510 Holton with his mother and
family.

THANKS TO ROBERT URICH:

Bob did the major work on the
institutional pages in our Pic-
torial Directory which will be
published in the fall. Thanks,
Bob!

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. George Bern-
hard (Carolyn Ripple), a daughter
born December 16, 1972, and adopt-
ed June 1, 1973.

A NOTE ABOUT OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Please do not use tape to seal
offering envelopes. Much time
must be spent at the bank when
this is done. Also, please be
sure family members use their

LIVING REMEMBRANCES THROUGH
MEMORIAL GIVING

IN MEMORY OF ANNA HIRSCHY

by Richard & Mildred Brown,
the Neighborhood

IN MEMORY OF WALTER BIRKHOOLD

by Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Weicker,
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Edwards

IN MEMORY OF MERLAND HELLER

by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Birkhold

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND
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JUNE AVERAGES:

Church Worship	310
Church School	145
Budget Giving	\$2286.88
Appeal Giving	530.80

NEW MEMBERS IN JUNE:

Gale and Linda VanWagner

THANKS:

"They Will Know We Are Christ-
ians By Our Love", is a song we
sing. What a great comfort it is
to see those words in action when
you lose someone you love.

We are very grateful to all for
the cards, your visits, the beau-
tiful flowers, the food, the lod-
ging for the family, donations to
the Heart and Memorial Funds, and
for your prayers. A very special
thank you to Dr. Cline and our
second family, the CYF.

All I can say is thank you and
I know you are Christians by your
love.

God Bless You,
Delores Keebortz

own envelopes so that numbers are
correct for recording the giving.

Edna Vaught

45-6133
Ten
Chi Rho 25, 26, 27, 28
w, Th, Fr

FULL SUMMER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

God does not take a holiday in the summer time, and neither does the Christian Education Program at First Christian Church! SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES are continuing each week for all ages, nursery through adults. There is child care for children under 2, plus two groups for pre-schoolers. There are four classes on an elementary age level, plus three classes for Junior and Senior High School youth. On the adult level we have classes for single College and Career young adults, six additional adult classes, grouped according to interest and age, and two elective classes for any high school youth or adults. One of these is a Serendipity class, using the book, "Groups in Action" and taught by Dr. Harold Cline. The other is a group using the Lay Renewal Tapes, "Men of Vision". These tapes are each complete in themselves and include time for discussion. This group is led by Miriam Bixenman.

Our own FAMILY CAMP OUT PROGRAM is a vital fellowship and group building arm of our summer program. Those attending the Camp Out this weekend are to go to Chain of Lakes State Park. Word will be left at the camping office where we are. Bring food for your family, which we will share pot luck fashion. Each family pays its own camping fees. Since there is a bridge out on highway 33, we have been told that if one turns left at the "road closed sign" on county road 650E, and go to county road 600 north, turn right on it to county road 550 east, and turn right on it back to highway 33, time will be saved, rather than taking US 30 to routh 9. Go to date are: the Ben Taylor family, the CYF, the Robert Urich family, the Harold Nordblom family, the Ron Aker family, the Fred Richardson family, Peg and Becky Buskirk, Miriam Bixenman, and Lois Finkhousen. COME JOIN US! The next Family Camp Out is August 10, 11 and 12.

Our High School Youth are meeting in homes on Monday evenings for a prayer-share-study group. They are currently using the text, DARE TO LIVE NOW, by Bruce Larsen. Our College and Career young adults have a study group using one of the Serendipity Books, "RAP". This group meets on Wednesday evenings. Watch the Church Bulletin for location of these meetings.

The next ADVENTURE DAY is for third and fourth graders and is on Wednesday, July 25 at 9:30 A.M. We will visit the Van Hoosen Chicken Farm. Bring a sack lunch and be here at 9:30 A.M. Also bring 25¢ so you can attend the movie, "Babes in Toyland" upon our return.

FAMILY MOVIES continue every other Wednesday at 2:00 and 7:00 P.M. The next movie will be "Babes in Toyland" on Wednesday, July 25. Donation is 5¢ for children under 12 and 50¢ for all others.

NUMBERS ARE PEOPLE (from page 1)
transfer and 16 by confession and baptism. 36 members moved from non-participating to participating status and 20 members moved from participating to non-participating.

Our gains were countered by 15 deaths among members, 45 transferring out by letter request, 15 removed by letter request, 48 removed by verbal request, and 223 removed by action of elders and church board because of the complete loss of any address or contact route.

Perhaps even more telling is the matter of worship and church school average attendances--Notice a three year picture.

	70-71	71-72	72-73
Worship	238	316	345
Ch. School	155	147	160

This means that in a two year period our worship participation has increased by 45% over what it was. We rejoice in this gain along with the gain in participating members this past year from 602 to 617. It is real good to see Church School on the upswing this past year.

Each number reflects a person. This is the issue of the church. The Church is composed of persons finding life and meaning in Jesus Christ. We rejoice when that life is experienced and evidenced! Thanks be to God for new life from Jesus breaking through into persons in our family of God.

CYF CAR WASH

Just home from vacation?--Or just going? In any case, the car usually needs a real clean up job! Our CYF is sponsoring a car wash on our parking lot on Saturday, July 21, from 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. We clean your car--inside and out. Support our high school youth and come out with a sparkling, clean car. Donation is \$1.00.

CORRECTIONS OF CABINET LISTING

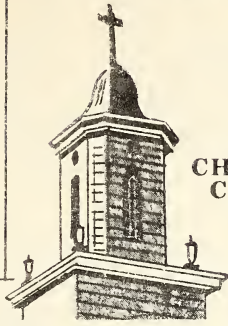
In THE TIDINGS of June 27, the new cabinet was listed. There were several omissions, namely, Dean Widler, Co-Chairman of Evangelism; Tom Ogles, Co-Chairman of World Outreach; and Edna Vaught, Church Clerk. REMINDER TO CABINET: IMPORTANT MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 12 at 7:30 P.M.-AT THE CHURCH.

1973-74 NATIONAL SERENDIPITY WORKSHOPS

26 of our people participated in similar workshops last winter. The opportunity is again offered. The church will pay one-half of the \$20 registration fee. All are on Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Nearest locations include:

- September 15 - Chicago, Sheraton-O'Hare Motor Hotel
- October 20 - Detroit, Cobo Hall Ballroom
- November 10 - Cincinnati, Cincinnati Convention Center
- January 19 - Pittsburgh, William Penn Hotel
- April 6 - Cleveland, Statler Hilton Hotel

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 21

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. CYF CAR WASH

SUNDAY, JULY 22

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Diving Worship

Sermon: "Finding Forgiveness
Through Confession"

Psalms 32, 51, 139

8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JULY 23

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

9:30 A.M. Grade 3-4 Adventure Day
to Van Hoosen Chicken Farm

2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. FAMILY
MOVIE "Babes In Toyland"

3:30 P.M. CHI RHO leave for Camp
Out

THURSDAY, JULY 26

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

PANTRY NEEDS: Peanut Butter
Dry Milk

ASSESSING WHERE WE ARE

Last week we discussed our membership numbers and attendance averages as compiled for our annual report to THE YEAR BOOK OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Our total giving to the church and its auxiliaries for local program, personnel, and property was \$90,541.76. This is the largest amount of this income on record by the church for the past 25 years.

Our Outreach spending was \$25,234.57 plus \$4,881.87 in the loan repayment for the Flinn gift during our Centennial. This amount of \$25,234 is the largest outreach giving on record for First Christian except for last year when we totaled \$38,912.92 which included the \$15,000 to the Flinn Home from borrowed money.

Our total giving to the church for local and outreach causes was \$118,866.09. This means that our total giving as a church increased \$40,751 during the 72-73 church year compared to the 70-71 church year. There has been an increase of 52% in this two year period. Much of this came in 71-72 with our appeal giving but then we continued upward especially in
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SERVING JULY 22

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Schilling
and Rufus Quinn

10:45 A.M. Merle Rice and
George Davis

8:00 P.M. William Love

Deacons

8:15 A.M. S. Cole, W. Gump, P.
Johnson, R. Urich

10:45 A.M. D. Allen, R. Cole,
R. Gerow, J. Hechler, H. Helmuth,
O. McDougle, V. Moore, H. Steven-
son

Deaconesses

Frances Eckert and Helen Williams

Coffee Hour Hostess

Lois Finkhousen

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: 459 Mrs. Emma Wells

St. Joseph: 541 Mrs. Edna Clark

Lutheran: 496 Mrs. Wendall Glass

Mr. Lee Fisher was in and out of
Lutheran last week with eye sur-
gery.

THANKS:

"Thanks so much for the cards
and your visits while I was in
the hospital -- especially Dr.
Cline's visits." Jessie Vernor

"The family of Esther Gibson
acknowledges with deep apprecia-
tion your kind expression of
sympathy."

INDIANA SUMMER VACATION PROGRAM

Renee Wood is currently shar-
ing with the Ray Fredericks fam-
ily in this program affiliated
with National Friendly Town. We
rejoice that we had one family
involved this year and trust
more may sign up next summer.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS A. ROGERS,

4616 Smith Street, 06, 440-3593,
made a renewal of commitment to
Christ and a transfer of membership
from North Christian Church of Fort
Wayne during our Celebration Worship
Sunday evening.

Doug is an Activity Therapist at
the State School and Karen is a Long
Distance Operator for General Tele-
phone. They met at Eureka College
in Illinois, a Disciple School.
They have one daughter, Krista, who
will be two in August.

We rejoice with this couple at
the sense of coming back into mean-
ingful relationship and expression
in Christ.

Recommitment of life to Christ
was also expressed by Pat Wetzel
during Meditative Worship on July 8,
and by Mrs. Pat Norman joined by her
husband, Bernie, during Divine Wor-
ship on July 1.

CELEBRATION WORSHIP -- WOW!

40 joined in this service on Sun-
day evening in the parlor including
34 who had not been present in the
morning. The Spirit of God seemed
to be evident in the lives of those
present. Thanks to Pat Wetzel for
bringing the guitar and playing and
singing. Thanks to our 6 youth from
Barbee Camp 7-8 for sharing of the
impact which hit last week. Thanks
for the decisions expressed by the
Robers. Thanks for the prayers,
love, and sharing which made this
evening a highlight!

The aliveness of Celebration Wor-
ship does not detract from the more
traditional morning services. Sev-
eral have expressed special apprecia-
tion for the sermons currently
from the Psalms.

THE PANTRY PROGRAM OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FORT WAYNE

Out of a concern to help people with basic needs of food and clothing, a group of interested persons developed a working relationship with the Allen County Welfare Department. This program, named, "The Pantry" was approved mutually and began official operation on February 1, 1972. The Welfare Social Workers make referrals to us when help cannot be provided in another way. Our help is strictly emergency help and in food referrals provides for only a maximum of three days. Normally, there are no repeaters for referrals since it is emergency help.

The food that we bring or for which we pay in special giving or through the current budget allotment of up to \$50 per month has provided a total of 8,079 individual meals. This has served 241 different adults with 697 children. It has provided families with food for 524 days. This means that we are providing a family with food on the average of every day of this program for an average of 15 individual meals daily.

Marilyn Frappier has headed this program since its origin and makes the following report:

	<u>2/1/73 to 6/30/73</u>	<u>2/1/72 to 6/30/73</u>
Total Referrals	77	283
Food Only Referrals	53	177
Clothing Only Referrals	21	85
Both Food & Clothing	3	21
Food supplied to:	67 adults & 191 children	241 adults & 697 children
Days of food supplied	170	524
Total individual meals	2,355	8,079

This operation of a daily ministry of help takes time and effort. We thank the dedication of Marilyn and her corps of workers in this effort. Jackie Bryan has often come and given direct help to Marilyn. Sue Knuckles and Karen Flickinger have sorted, marked, and put away clothing.

The daily captains work out arrangements for each day and make contact with the Welfare Office for the one whom they are to call. When they call, the woman assigned then comes to the church to sack food or select clothing according to the particular needs of the family and depending on our supplies. These workers include: MONDAY, Betty Grimm, Captain; Judy Aker, Ruth Ann Bozarth; TUESDAY, Grace Truby, Captain; Sharon Fredericks, Esther Clipp; WEDNESDAY, Val Taylor, Captain; Charlene Craig, Jeanne Gerow, Marsha Welker; THURSDAY, Judy Church, Captain; Sue Allen, Ruby Cline; FRIDAY, Donna Johnson, Captain; Margaret Love, Peggy Buskirk.

PRAISE GOD FOR THIS MINISTRY -- KEEP THE FOOD COMING -- THANKS TO EVERY
ENABLER OF THIS MINISTRY

ASSESSING WHERE WE ARE (from page 1) TO ILLINOIS CONFERENCE
budget giving this past year.

WE PRAISE GOD FOR THESE ACHIEVEMENTS even though we are aware of the inflationary factor which should cause a tremendous increase in giving.

As we stop and appreciate the significant gain in giving by our church in these two years and in our sharing in outreach causes, we dare not rest content.

Even though we made a vallant attempt and a significant victory in cutting our budget indebtedness at the end of June, we still were in the red \$1,298.31. Our new budget also calls for an increase to \$2,113 weekly. Our largest increase in budget comes in the area of Property because of needed work on our boiler and inflationary factors. Added to this we need about \$400 weekly to achieve our victory in Appeal giving to wipe out the debt for our Centennial projects of building improvement and of the gift to the Flinn Home.

Our needs can be met if our commitment to Christ is sufficient. We are concerned that every member sense responsibility to give something even if it be very small. Then we are concerned that those in major income earning years give a responsible proportion of income for enabling the ministry of Christ through our church. On this basis, we can achieve our needs and goals.

Praise God for past gains! Let us surrender to Him that His power and victories may be released through our partnership!

Ruby Cline, Barbara Schrock, and Nancy Wortley are going to First Christian Church in Decatur, Illinois, for a Lay Witness Team and coordinator Training session. This is being sponsored by our Christian Churches in Illinois and Wisconsin. Pray for this training event!

ON STAFF AT BARBEE

Our Minister of Education, Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, is directing Camp 5-6 this week at Barbee. Assisting on her staff are Peggy Buskirk, Pam Meadows, and Barbara Taylor. Also known to our people on the staff are Jack Wachenschwanz, who is now serving the Smartsburg Christian Church, and Paul Dunham, who is serving the Waynetown Christian Church.

PRAYER CONCERN

Daryle Markley, one of our recent additions to our church family leaves Monday, July 23 for the Cleveland Clinic for heart surgery. Let us hold him in our prayers and love!

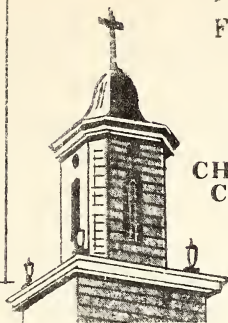
CHI RHO CAMPOUT

The Chi Rho will meet at 3:30 P.M. in the Church Parking Lot on Wednesday, July 25 to leave for their Camp Out. The Camp Out continues through Friday. You will be called about other details.

FAMILY MOVIES ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

At 2:00 and 7:00 P.M. "Babes In Toyland" will be shown. These Walt Disney films are for children and adults. Under 12-donation of 25¢ and 50¢ for those over 12. Movies are shown in Fellowship Hall.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

RESCHEDULED!
CYF CAR WASH!
SATURDAY, JULY 28, 9 to 4

SUNDAY, JULY 29

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

CALLLED CHURCH BOARD MEETING

7:30 P.M., Wednesday, August
1, to act on hiring Doyle Hardy
as Student Associate Pastor.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

7:30 P.M. '72-'73 Sounding Board
Committee

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

6:30 P.M. 58 Class Picnic, Schoff
Park

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned Meat
Stews
Baby Food and Cereal

ASSOCIATE REGIONAL MINISTER TO PREACH SUNDAY

Lewis A. McPherrren will fill our pulpit this Sunday while Dr. Cline is participating in the General Board meetings of the Christian Church in St. Louis. He will preach at both the 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. hours.

Rev. McPherrren became the Associate Regional Minister of our Christian Churches in Indiana on July 1, 1972. He came to Indiana from a five year pastorate with Central Christian Church in Arkansas City, Kansas. He received his BA and B.D. Degrees from Phillips University in Oklahoma. He was Moderator-Elect of our Kansas churches at the time of coming to Indiana. He served four years in the Marines ending as a captain.

His wife, Betty, served on the team of our Lay Witness Mission last December. They have four children. We welcome this leader of our Indiana Church into our pulpit!

SERVING JULY 29

Elders

8:15 A.M. Ben Taylor and Don
Passwater

10:45 A.M. Fred Smell and
Mark Snyder

8:00 P.M. William Franklin
Deacons

8:15 A.M. E. Allen, A.E.
Huddleston, B. Lehman, J.
Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. W. Bowen, T. Frap-
pier, T. Knuckles, R. Ogles,
T. Ogles, D. Pomeroy, D. Short,
J. Zimmerman

Deaconesses

Fran Eckert and Helen Williams

Coffee Hour Hostess

Becky Buskirk

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: 734 Glen Edington

Lutheran: Mrs. Norma Andrews

496 Mrs. Dither Glass

623 Mrs. Blanche Mosebaugh

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Howard Darell Bowlby and Mar-
tha Eller Boger on July 21, 1973.
They are residing at 4015 S.
Calhoun, 07, 445-7573.

THANK YOU NOTE FROM LUTHERAN

HOSPITAL FOR PROJECT OF GRADES

1 AND 2 OF VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Dear Mrs. Byers and Class,

Thank you for the get-well
cards that you made for our youn-
g patients. They especially
enjoyed the candy. Gifts such
as yours always brighten the
children's hospital stay. Our
sincere appreciation is extended
to you.

Gretchen Robbins, Lutheran
Hospital

CHANGE IN PANTRY LEADERSHIP

Marilyn Frappier requested re-
lief as chairman of our Pantry
Program which she has carried
since its origin. Betty Grimm
and Sue Knuckles have taken this
responsibility as co-chairmen.
We thank these for their devoted
service in this effort. Our food
shelves have been very low be-
cause of heavy usage recently.
Food is needed.

OVERSIGHT IN PANTRY HELP

Mrs. Helen Williams has been
serving to help fill referrals on
Fridays. We are sorry to have
missed this name in our article of
the 19th.

"MEN OF VISION" ELECTIVE CLASS

This Sunday the "Men of Vision"
class will hear a tape prepared by
Dr. Elton Trueblood who talks
about the influences which com-
bined in his own experience to
create his vision of lay ministry.
You are invited to come and join
this group. Each session is a com-
plete unit within itself. The
class meets in Mrs. Bixenman's
office.

STAFF VACATIONS

Harold Cline had five days in
April, four in July, and will be
off from August 6 to 17, and a few
days at the end of August.

Miriam Bixenman was off June 11
to 24 and has another week coming.

Edna Vaught was off four days
in April, from July 18 to 25, and
will be off August 1 to 7.

Barbara Short will be gone Sept-
ember 25 to October 5.

Art Mowery is scheduled August
12-18, September 4-10.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD ON JULY 17, 1973

The monthly treasurer's report for June also included an annual summary for the church budget for July 1, 1972 through June 30, 1973 as follows:

<u>Church Budget Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	\$87,331.61	\$94,600.00
Expenses:		
Pastoral Ministry	26,904.70	27,195.00
Office Ministry	20,004.21	18,585.00
Educational Program	3,925.70	6,350.00
Evangelism Witness	565.55	500.00
Membership Development	2,608.21	2,300.00
Property Expenses	19,838.44	16,480.00
Stewardship Development	132.00	250.00
Facilitating Worship	4,845.07	5,840.00
Local Outreach	3,992.00	5,050.00
World Outreach	4,776.11	12,050.00
Total Expenses	\$87,591.99	\$94,600.00

Our church budget account began the year in the red by \$1,037.93 and ended the year in the red by \$1,298.31, in spite of during June erasing nearly \$2,600 of the amount of our "red" figures.

There were also printed annual reports of Year Book information, church-wide balance sheet, and monthly reports of the Memorial Funds treasurer and the church clerk.

After small group discussion, the recommendation of the Church Cabinet to try a Church Family Night Program on Thursday, September 20 through November 15, 1973, was approved. This calls for a simply served meal each Thursday evening. Following the meal, choir rehearsals, fellowship programs, board and functional committee meetings, and other activities will be coordinated in order to make this a night for church activities. This will cut down the number of trips to the church building for many families and preserve more free nights in the home. Mark these Thursdays now! They will be rich in opportunity and importance for our whole church family.

After lengthy discussion concerning either repair or replacement of our boiler, a motion was carried to replace the present boiler at a cost under \$8,300. A secondary motion was then made for equal sharing of the boiler replacement cost and ensuing plumbing repairs on our radiator system to \$10,000 from the current budget and from the standing Building and Equipment Fund within our Memorial and Bequest funds. This second motion will call for a special congregational vote to confirm.

An expected motion to re-seal our parking lot was dropped in light of the recommendation to make significant needed repairs which increased the bid to \$5,370. This is a need which will need to be faced after our boiler repairs.

A LETTER FROM OUR REGIONAL OFFICE

First Christian Church
4800 S. Calhoun
Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46807

Dear Friends:

Thank you for the recent offering of \$2,000 to the Indiana Appeal for Response in Faith. We are now past the halfway mark of \$800,000.

Your offering has helped to lower the indebtedness of the Indiana Region to below \$545,000 as of April 30, 1973.

In addition, Appeal money has helped three California churches damaged by the earthquake; has helped purchase a new transportation unit for evangelistic work in Zaire; and a station wagon for the Yakima Indian Mission.

These are only some of the capital budget completed because of your offering.

We look forward to your continued support.

Cordially,

Jim R. Keown,
Associate Regional Minister

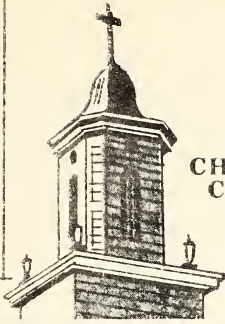
P.S. As of June 30, 1973, First Christian has contributed \$15,166.80 in directed giving to the Flinn Home and \$14,000 in undesignated giving--both are credited to Appeal Giving.

P.S.S. APPEAL GIVING each Sunday can be marked on the regular giving envelopes. 57% goes for repayment of the loan for the Centennial projects of the church of which half were building improvements and half was the gift to the Flinn Home. 43% goes for capital needs to remove debt in Indiana and for new capital projects of the Christian Church in the world. Pledges were made in December of 1971 totalling \$64,536.40. Any are encouraged to share in this cause through marking this giving on the weekly envelopes. We hope to go over \$40,000 in this giving on Sunday.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

Sermon: "Longing For God"

Psalms 42, 84, 122

8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

7:30 P.M. Stewardship-Finance
Committee

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

9:30 A.M. 1st and 2nd Grade
Adventure Day to the Natural
History Museum

2:00 and 7:00 P.M. Family Movie
"1½ Hours of Cartoons"

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 11, 12

Family Camp Out at Manapago Camp
Grounds

PANTRY NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT and VEGETABLES

CANNED MEAT and STEW

LONGING FOR GOD

"As a deer longs for a stream
of cool water, so I long for
you, God.

*I thirst for you, the living
God;*

*when can I go and worship in
your presence?*

*My heart breaks when I remember
the past, when I went with
the crowds to the house of
God, and led them as they
walked along, a happy crowd,
singing and shouting praise
to God.*

*Why am I so sad? Why am I
troubled?*

*I will put my hope in God, and
once again I will praise him,
my Savior and My God."*

Psalms 42:1, 2, 4, 5, TEV

Our longing for God and his love
given in Jesus is why the center of
corporate life of the church is wor-
ship.

We invite every reader to find the
center which God alone can provide.
Join us in worship this Sunday at
8:15 A.M., 10:45 A.M., or 8:00 P.M.!

SERVING AUGUST 5

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Crouse and
Earl Plummer

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and
Hugh Rice

8:00 P.M. Ben Taylor

Deacons

8:15 A.M. D. Allen, H. Hel-
muth, G. Ludwig, R. Urich

10:45 A.M. R. Cole, R. Gerow,
C. Hetrick, R. Johnson, W. Koeh-
linger, R. Petty, D. Weaver, D.
Young

Deaconesses

Fran Eckert and Helen Williams

Coffee Hour Hostesses

Amelia Dare

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 670 Mrs. Blanche
Mosbaugh

794 Mrs. DeAnn Crist

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Reba Fusselman in the
death of her brother, Ray Bar-
nett, in California on July 23.
He was a former member here and
related by marriage to Mrs.
Grace Tharp.

THANKS TO CHURCH

The family of Paul Wilcoxson
acknowledges with deep apprecia-
tion your kind expression of
sympathy with flowers, cards,
and food. Thank you.

Coleen Wilcoxson

AN EXPERIMENT IN
DISCIPLINE AND DISCOVERY

Dr. James F. Ruble has accepted
the general chairmanship of this
program. He has enlisted Ruby
Cline to be the trainer for the
first phase. Other personnel in
this intensive effort will be en-
listed during August.

PREPARATION PHASE - The train-
ing of the team and the prepara-
tion by the committees. SEPTEMBER
9 THROUGH OCTOBER 17.

DISCOVERY PROGRAM - Experiment-
ing by those enlisted during Dis-
covery Weekend - OCTOBER 28 TO
NOVEMBER 30.

FOOD FOR PANTRY PROGRAM

Our food supplies have been
rather low when our women are cal-
led upon to make emergency food
allotments for families. All seem
to be hurting by the sharp in-
creases in food prices, but let's
keep our pantry stocked as well as
our home shelves. The boxes in
the basement for food are always
there to receive your donation.
Cash designated for the PANTRY may
be given to the church if clearly
marked or to the Co-Chairwomen,
Betty Grimm and Sue Knuckles.

ABOITE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Traverse Chandler is
preaching regularly and lead-
ing worship at 10:30 A.M. at
the Aboite Christian Church.

TOTAL OUTREACH GIVING FOR 1972-73 CHURCH YEAR

During our church year from July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973, our church gave a considerable sum for others. Here is a breakdown of these expenditures:

<u>Unified Promotion of the Christian Churches</u>	\$8,431.40
Mission and ministry in region, nation and world; Benevolent home for children and aged; Church-related college and Seminaries; Regional and General manifestations of Church.	
<u>Indiana Capital Funds Appeal</u>	8,566.80
Repayment of debt from overextending during 60's plus new capital projects for mission and ministry.	
<u>Week of Compassion and Church World Services</u>	1,518.30
Human relief and rehabilitation in world.	
<u>Associated Churches of Allen County</u>	2,837.50
Majority of budget goes for Weekday Christian Education	
<u>Ecumenical Agencies, American Bible Society & Councils</u>	400.00
<u>Local Personal Benevolence through Pantry, Helping Hand Fund and Family Help</u>	1,810.27
<u>Change Through Involvement and Switchboard</u>	255.00
Local programs of growth and aid	
<u>Orphan Support through Foster Child and Compassion</u>	458.00
<u>Radio Broadcast and Scout Camp Chaplain</u>	107.00
<u>UNICEF (collected by our youth)</u>	100.30
 TOTAL NEW OUTREACH EXPENDITURES	 \$25,234.57

In addition to the above amount, we repaid \$4,881.87 toward the principal of \$15,000 which was borrowed as a Centennial Project in a capital gift for the finishing of a named room at the Flinn Home in Marion.

\$8,768.11 was through budget giving; \$13,281.87, including the \$4,881.87 was through Appeal giving; \$3,829.48 was through Special Day giving; and \$2,101.91 was through the Christian Women's Fellowship. The balance was done by groups or classes.

We have shared of ourselves in manifold ways both in our community and beyond into our nation and world in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God that we are his partners in a ministry of love and salvation!

KEY 73 CRUSADE

Dr. Myron S. Augsburg, the president of Eastern Mennoite College and Seminary, Harrisburg, Virginia, will be preaching nightly in the Allen County Memorial Coliseum, September 9 to 16. Hugh Rice of our Congregation is on the Advisory Committee for this community effort in Key 73.

Currently, we are inviting persons to sign up as Counselors during the week of preaching. If you are willing, please contact the church office and leave your name.

Counselor Training Sessions are set for Sundays, August 5, 12, 19, & 26 from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. and Thursdays, August 9, 16, 23, 30 from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. These will be held at the First Wayne Street United Methodist Church downtown. Persons are required to attend one of the duplicate sessions during a given week.

The task of the counselor consists of: 1) Attending each of the four training sessions; 2) Attending a special orientation on Saturday, September 8; 3) Completing the required course of study; 4) Work on a one-to-one basis with an inquirer; 5) Introduce the inquirer to an advisor for checking.

Dr. Augsburg is a native of Ohio and was educated on the bachelor's level where he is now president; received his seminary education at Goshen, Indiana; and received his doctorate in Theology from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.

FAMILY CAMP OUT

The August Family Camp Out will be Friday through Sunday, August 10-12. We will be camping in the Manapago Camp Grounds, on state rd. 120, near Orland. Cost is \$3.50 per night with electricity. Reservations are essential! Please meet in the Church Parlor next Sunday, August 5, following second service. Bring the necessary \$5.00 deposit for a camp site or phone Russell Wortley (747-0905) and get your deposit to him by Monday evening, August 6. Several new families are interested in camping with us, and we are pleased. Contact Russ Wortley or Miriam Bixenman if you need equipment, or some may be rented. Details of plans for the Camp Out will be discussed at our meeting on Sunday.

FAMILY MOVIES

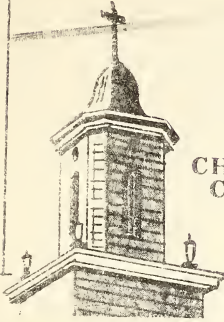
The third in our series of Family Movies will be on Wednesday, August 8, with showings at 2:00 and 7:00 P.M. This will be a full one and one half hours of cartoons. Donation is 25¢ for children under 12 and 50¢ for adults. Penny candy will be sold at intermission time. Pre-school children must be accompanied by an adult or a responsible teenager.

ADVENTURE DAY (First & Second Grades)

The Adventure Day for First and Second Grades will be at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, August 8. Bring a sack lunch and 25¢ for the cartoon show at the church which we will attend in the afternoon. Our morning visit will be to the Allen County Historical Museum. Drinks will be provided for the lunch.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY,

Family Camp Out, Managago Camp
Grounds

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

*Doyle F. Hardy, preaching at
both Morning Worship hours*

7:00 P.M. CYF Planning Meeting

8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

7:30 P.M. Planning Committee

PANTRY NEEDS

Fruit Juices
Main Dish Dinners
Soap Products

STUDENT ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Doyle F. Hardy was called unanimously by the Church Board last week as our Student Associate Pastor. He comes after serving two years as the Associate Pastor at First Christian Church in Bremerton, Washington.

Our new staff person will be leading and preaching for both worship hours this Sunday, August 12, in the absence of Dr. Cline who is on vacation. Our people have this immediate opportunity to share in his witness through the preached word.

Doyle will enter Christian Theological Seminary this fall. His work with us is considered a part of his field education and there will be interchange between seminary and church. This is one further program of our church in helping educate towards the Christian Ministry. One-half of his remuneration comes from the income of our Church Vocation Scholarship Memorial Fund.

He graduated from Northwest Christian College in 1971. During his college years he served as Youth Director at Gladstone Christian Church in Oregon. Nampa, Idaho was his home before college.

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SERVING AUGUST 12

Elders

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and
John Merrill

10:45 A.M. Andrew Cook and
Merle Rice

8:00 P.M. Earl Plummer

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Aker, W. Gump,
R. Hendricks, A. E. Huddleston

10:45 A.M. E. Allen, W. Bowen,
J. Hechler, B. Lehman, V. Moore,
T. Ogles, D. Pomeroy, H. Steven-
son

Deaconesses

Peggy Buskirk and Helen Clymore

Coffee Hour Hostess

Amelia Dare

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 670 Mrs. Blanche Mos-
baugh

796 Mrs. DeAnn Crist

692 Mr. Marvin Roseberry

St. Joseph: 801 Mrs. Pauline
Speicher

815 Mrs. Margaret Bechtell

415 Miss Judy Raber

WEDDINGS BY PASTOR

Carlton Lloyd Marcum and Lu-
gene Renee Relue on August 3,
1973. They are residing in the
El May Apartments, 3017 McArt-
hur, 09.

John Joseph Carr and Sheila
Ann Hoffman on August 4, 1973.
They are residing at 4914 Smith
06, 744-1439.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Ross and Emmalou Nierman
in the birth of a new son, Brian
Joseph, on August 5 in Loveland,
Colorado. They had been active
leaders here before moving in
August, 1971.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION:

MR. and MRS. DOYLE F. HARDY id-
entified in a transfer of member-
ship on Sunday morning during Med-
itative Worship. This transfer of
our new Student Associate Pastor
and his wife, April, is from First
Christian Church in Bremerton,
Washington. We welcome them as
one of us!

LIVING REMEMBRANCES THROUGH

MEMORIAL GIVING

IN MEMORY OF WALTER BIRKHOOLD

by Mr. & Mrs. Harold Crowder

by Mr. & Mrs. Porter Martin

IN MEMORY OF WALTER KEEBORTZ

by Mr. & Mrs. Harold Crowder

by Department 97,

International Harvester

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

AND IN LOVING MEMORY

JULY AVERAGES

Church Worship	285
Church School	135
Budget Giving	\$1430.70
Appeal Giving	198.94

NEW MEMBERS DURING JULY:

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Rogers

HAVE YOU MADE A WILL?

A proper will is very important concerning the care of children. Without a will estates are settled impersonally by strict interpretation of the law. Legal proceedings may delay settlements, create expenses, and sacrifice potential worth. Law divides an estate between a widow and children if there is no will. Hardship can be created for a mother who needs funds to rear and educate children. A will is a responsible act for any person in our society.

IS YOUR WILL CHRISTIAN?

Every Christian makes a Christian will! Just as every follower of the Master responds to God by expressing the rhythm of giving back the first portion of all that one receives for the Kingdom's mission, so also every Christian determines that the first portion of his possessions left at the time of death go toward the work of the Lord through the making of a will. A will is a Christian's opportunity to express faith and stewardship, to account responsibility for his God-given resources, and to promote further and lasting growth in the church.

While children are still minors, responsibility seems to dictate only a limited proportion for Christian causes beyond their support. Whenever children are matured and on their own, parents are free to make a larger percentage of an estate for charitable purposes. Many with no direct dependents should think of making a will totally or largely for Christian purposes. Some older persons including widows and widowers are concerned that assets remain to care for them throughout life and thus feel limited in giving. A will is a means whereby these persons can make a meaningful gift of the remainder of an estate.

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED YOUR CHURCH AND HER INSTITUTIONS?

First Christian Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana, has a standing program and policies for memorials, special gifts, and will bequests. Undesignated giving to the church of this kind is equally shared in the following funds:

CHURCH VOCATION MEMORIAL TRUST FUND, ENDOWMENT MEMORIAL TRUST FUND, BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT FUND, CAPITAL OUTREACH FUND. Designated giving may be limited to one or more of these funds or may be given for basic needs and plans of the church upon approval of the Church Board.

ONLY YOU CAN ACT--TODAY!

Writing a will is not something to do in a pressure point. Make an appointment with a lawyer and write a Christian will today!



STUDENT ASSOCIATE (from page one)

His staff responsibility with us includes direct and indirect responsibilities with senior high and college age youth; replacement responsibilities in absence of the senior pastor; a round of hospital calls weekly and an annual visit to those on Special Care list; worship leadership assistance and some preaching; and two weeks annually on staffs of Regional Camps and Conferences. His work is handled in a "Contract for Learning" which will periodically be revised by the Sounding Committee in consultation with Dr. Vinton Bradshaw, the Director of Field Education for Christian Theological Seminary.

His wife, April, is the daughter of a Disciple pastor and graduated from Northwest Christian College with a major in music also in 1971. They were married in 1970.

GOOD REPORT

Several weeks ago we mentioned Daryl Markley going to the Cleveland Clinic. We rejoice that tests showed no need for heart surgery and thus he is back among us with only some diet and activity limitations. Thanks have been expressed for prayers and concern.

THE PANTRY

Word has been received from the editors of THE CHRISTIAN that an article on our Pantry Program will be featured this fall. They asked for several photographs which have been submitted. We look forward to this article this fall.

August, 1971.

ADDITIONAL YOUTH IN CAMP 11-12

In addition to the five youth and one counselor this week at Barbee Camp, Jim Taylor, Scott Rayl, and Kim Kritchfield registered at the last minute. Phil Bozarth also signed up for the camp at Geneva. This makes a total of 26 of our youth in summer camp and conference.

RETREATS THIS SUMMER:

MEN'S RETREAT AT INDIAN LAKE

September 14-16 on the theme, "TO FIND LIFE" led by Lewis McPherrren. Registration, text, room, and meals is \$18.

C.W.F. RETREATS - September 12,

13 at Geneva Center near Rochester from Wednesday at 9 A.M. to Thursday at 2:30 P.M. or at Central Christian Church from 9:00 to 4:00 on Thursday, September 20.

DISTRICT I ASSEMBLY AT BARBEE

Friday, September 21 to Sunday, September 23. Worship highlights Friday evening; A serendipity experience for 6 hours on Saturday; District Business-Saturday evening; Worship and free time on Sunday.

REGISTER IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

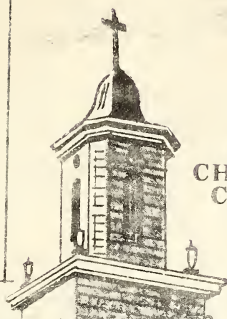
ADDITIONAL PERSONAL MENTION:

Birth Announcements: Mr. and Mrs. Dean Widler announce the birth of two grandchildren: Darren Keane Brink to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Brink in Huntington Beach, California, on July 8; and Cameron Michael Widler to their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Widler, in Fort Collins, Colorado, on July 9.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon: "A Hearing God"
Psalms 91, 107, 18:1-6
1:00 P.M. O.M.S. Class Party
at the Clines'
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

8:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

6:00 and 7:00 P.M. Family Movie
"SON OF FLUBBER"

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

8:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

8:30 A.M. 5th-6th Grade
Adventure Day at Barbee

PANTRY NEEDS:

Disposable Diapers
Canned Meat
Canned Fruit
Potatoes

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR:

In the process of moving from one place to another I feel that I have learned a great deal. I feel a new kinship to strangers I have met in the past, because now I am a stranger. I was first impressed that I had an orientation process ahead of me when I had to get a city map to find my way around. When asking for directions, I knew I was a stranger when someone laughed because I didn't know where Clinton Street was located. (But I did know where Calhoun was located!)

In this process of moving I became aware of how unaware I have been to the problems that a person must face in becoming established in a new community. I would like to share some of the things that impressed me the most about our move from Bremerton Washington to Fort Wayne. Of course some of these things are peculiar to me and my situation, but I feel that most people would have to face similar problems.

(Continued, page four)

SERVING AUGUST 19

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Schilling and
Rolland Ripple

10:45 A.M. William Love and
William Franklin

8:00 P.M. Larry Barnes

Deacons

8:15 A.M. S. Cole, R. Ogles,
F. Richardson, J. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. D. Allen, R. Cole,
T. Frappier, R. Gerow, H. Hel-
muth, R. Johnson, O. McDougle,
J. Zimmerman

Deaconesses

Peggy Buskirk and Helen Clymore
Coffee Hour Hostess
Virginia Bruckman

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran:

670 Mrs. Blanche Mosbaugh

240 Mr. Marvin Rosenberry

St. Joseph:

801 Mrs. Pauline Speicher

415 Miss Judy Raber

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Ott, a
son, Jeffrey Michael, born on Aug-
ust 11, 1973. Congratulations!

THANKS!

Our grateful thanks to all of
the persons who pitched in and
helped mop water in the church
school rooms on Sunday morning.

Our thanks to the Ray Fred-
ericks' for the latest equipment
addition to the Kindergarten
Room. Looks like fun!

C.W.F. RETREATS

"MY DECISIONS CHRISTIAN?"

An overnight experience is plan-
ned for Geneva Center near Roches-
ter for September 12 and 13. It
begins on Wednesday morning at 9:00
and ends Thursday at 2:30.

A one-day experience is set for
Central Christian Church at Van
Buren on Thursday, September 20
from 9:00 to 4:00. Babysitting is
available at \$1.00 per child.

Registration for these events is
through the church office.



MEN'S RETREATS

"TO FIND LIFE" (text by Frank
Mabee)

BARBEE CHRISTIAN CAMP, Septem-
ber 7 and 8, starting with evening
session at 7:00 P.M. on Friday and
continuing through 8:00 P.M. on
Saturday. Registration is \$14.
Walter Cardwell is the resource
leader.

INDIAN LAKE CHRISTIAN RETREAT --
Registration and buffet opens
this gathering on Friday, September
14 and the Sunday noon meal closes
the event. Lewis A. McPherrren is
consultant and program resource
leader. Registration which covers
room, registration, meals and text
book is \$18.00

Register through the church of-
fice.

CALLED TO BE... ONE IN THE LORD



Cincinnati General Assembly

October 26-31, 1973

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

This biennial meeting is open to any members of the Christian Church. Registration materials are available in the office. All are encouraged to attend as non-voting delegates in addition to those elected to be our representatives. Voting persons from our church are Merle Grimm, Merle Rice, Miriam Bixenman, and Harold Cline.

This Assembly will elect a new General Minister and President to replace retiring A. Dale Fiers. Business, inspiration and workshops also fill this event.

THE NATIONAL EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION of the Christian Church will hold its annual sessions on October 25 and 26 in Cincinnati prior to the General Assembly. This is a peak experience for inspiration and challenge. This would be an enriching one-day experience over the night of the 25th. There is no registration for this event.

DISTRICT ONE ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Our churches of northeastern Indiana will gather at Barbee Lake on September 21 to 23. A special worship event is being planned by Lester Ringham, pastor at Kendallville. A Serendipity workshop experience will be led by Harold Cline on Saturday from 9:00 to 5:00. District business and installation of officers will be a part of the Saturday evening meal time. A campfire is planned for Saturday night. Miriam Bixenman is in charge of Sunday morning worship at Barbee. Families may take campers or tents and stay for the weekend. Others may use the cabins. Some may want to drive to the camp for only Friday evening or Saturday.

1973-1974 NATIONAL SERENDIPITY WORKSHOPS

Last winter 26 of our people shared in Serendipity workshops in Detroit and Cleveland. Again the Education Committee feels this is meaningful leadership development and will pay half of the registration fee. Registration can be handled through the church office. Nearest dates and places are:

Chicago - Saturday, September 15

Detroit - Saturday, October 20 (OOPS--That's our Discovery Weekend)

Cincinnati - Saturday, November 10

Cleveland - Saturday, April 6

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR (from page one)

The first thing was the actual moving itself, boxing up all of our earthly possessions and living out of a suit case for several weeks is a hectic way to live. This compounded by all of the uncertainties of now knowing what city we would be living in, not knowing what sort of housing we could expect, and probably most of all, moving into a community not knowing another person living in that community.

There is frustration in becoming oriented to a new job. Though I am still in the same profession, my work responsibilities have shifted, I must learn to concentrate in new areas. I must discover where person resources can be found, and learn to work with these new people. I must become acquainted with the hospitals, and other important institutions and agencies of this community.

Yesterday when I stood in the pulpit and looked out over the congregation and could only connect a few names with faces I realized again how much a stranger I am. Even if I knew all of the names of all of the people it still takes time to establish relationships of understanding.

My wife and I have both been impressed by the openness and friendliness of this congregation, and we realize that because of our relationship with this church we will have an easier time adjusting to our new home than someone else might have.

I hope this little bit of rambling has helped you to better understand some of the anxious feelings a newcomer has in entering into a new community. I know that I will be more understanding and sensitive in the future to strangers I meet.

Thank you for the welcome you have given me and my wife, April. I am looking forward to sharing some history with you.

Doyle F. Hardy

FAMILY MOVIE

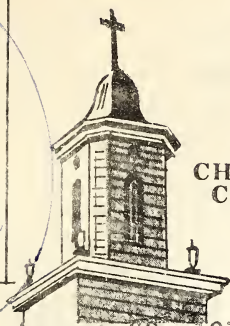
The final movie for this season will be "SON OF FLUBBER", to be shown at 2:00 and 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 22, in our Fellowship Hall. Donation is 25¢ for children under 12 and 50¢ for all others. Penny candy will be sold during the intermissions. These movies are planned as good family entertainment for our own folks and for our neighborhood.

5th-6th GRADE ADVENTURE DAY

The Adventure Day for 5th and 6th graders (as of last spring) will be Friday, August 24, beginning at 9:30 A.M. We will go to Barbee Christian Camp to spend the day. Those going are asked to bring cameras and film (if they have them); a sack lunch for noon, \$1.00 for the evening meal (a cook-out) and swim suits and towels. We will return to the church by 8:00 P.M. We will develop our pictures at a later time.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

- 8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon "A Faithful God"
Psalms 86, 130
3:00 P.M. Usher Meeting for
Crusade, Lake Avenue Church of
the Nazarene, 4100 Lake Ave.
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

- 7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:30 P.M. Information Services
Committee

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

- 7:30 P.M. Planning Committee

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

- 7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:30 P.M. Christian Education
Committee

PANTRY NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT
SOUPS
CEREALS



Some of our college youth have already headed for campus and the fall work. East Allen Schools open next week. Fort Wayne Community schools open the following week. As school moves into full swing, it marks the end of summer vacation period and naturally marks a round-up time for all church families.

Our worship edged over 300 last Sunday but should be moving up over 400 weekly as we move into the fall months. The call is out to every home receiving this copy of TIDINGS to make special effort to get back into the regular practice of worship and study.

Sunday, September 9 marks the beginning of much fall activity--
-- Discipline & Discovery Program
-- Key 73 Crusade at Colesium

(continued on page four)

SERVING AUGUST 26

Elders

8:15 A.M. John Merrill and
Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Don Passwater and
Floyd Morrical

8:00 P.M. William Crouse

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Gump, G. Lud-
wig, V. Moore, T. Ogles

10:45 A.M. C. Hetrick, W. Koeh-
linger, T. Knuckles, R. Petty,
D. Pomeroy, R. Urich, D. Weaver,
D. Young

Deaconesses

Peggy Buskirk and Helen Clymore

Coffee Hour Hostess

Evelyn Yeoman

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

St. Joseph: 801 Mrs. Pauline
Speicher

415 Miss Judy Raber

515 Mrs. Minnie Fisher

Lutheran: 240 Mr. Marvin
Roseberry

670 Mrs. Blanche Mosbaugh

M106 Mrs. Mary Bowes

FUNERAL BY MINISTER:

Charles Hunt died on August 18, after an illness of six months. Chuck joined our church in 1961. He was founder and president of Jet Air Freight. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Laverne and children.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Richard Hendricks and Carol Ann Schmidt, who were married on Saturday, August 18, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Rick is the son of Bob and Beverly Hendricks and will be remembered as our part time custodian for several years.

ADDRESS AND PHONE OF HARDYS:

Doyle and April Hardy are residing at 6012 Guild Drive, 16, with a phone of 447-9122. This is an important number for contact in case there is no answer at the church office or at the home of Dr. Cline.

REGISTRATION FOR SERENDIPITY

Doyle and April Hardy are registered for the Serendipity Workshop on September 15 at Chicago. Others interested should secure a registration form in the church office.

CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE

Members of this committee are asked to pick up study materials in the church office. Packets are available now.

PROGRESS ON PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The "dummy" copy was processed in the church office on Monday to make corrections of errors. Work seems to be progressing towards the September 15 publication date which had been promised by United Church Directories.

CYF TRIP TO CEDAR POINT

On Thursday and Friday, our CYF, along with Doyle and April Hardy and Bob and Natalie Urich will go to Cedar Point, near Sandusky, Ohio, for a fun time together. The youth left the church parking lot at 6:30 A.M. and will be camping at Cedar Point on Thursday night.

CONGRAGULATIONS!

To Connie and Vincent Wells who celebrated their 35th Wedding Anniversary last Sunday afternoon.

STUDY GROUPS! Please notify the church office of your first meeting.

KEY 73 PREACHING CRUSADE AT MEMORIAL COLESIUUM

September 9 to 16 at 7:30 P.M. nightly will be this featured witness to the power of Christ to bring the full and abundant life. This is a community wide effort to bear witness to Christ as Lord of life. Rev. Henry Schmidt of the Crusade staff shared in both worship hours last Sunday morning.

Dr. Myron S. Augsburger will be the speaker for the Crusade. Music leadership includes Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Masterman and Miss Joy Simpson. An outstanding program is planned for each of the eight nights. You can join with other Christians in our community through involvement in one or more of the following ways:

1. ATTENDANCE - The Crusade needs the presence and support of the Christian community and its encouragement of friends and neighbors.

2. COUNSELORS - This is a last call for this responsibility. Three training sessions must be attended. This is still possible if you go to the First Wayne United Methodist Church at 7:00 P.M. tonight, August 23, then attend either Sunday afternoon or Thursday evening of next week, and then from 7:00 to 9:00 on Thursday, September 6.

3. CHOIR SINGER - A massed choir is being enlisted. The opening rehearsal will be at 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, September 9 and then each evening at 6:45 P.M. during the remainder of the Crusade.

4. USHER - A Crusade Usher meeting will be held from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. on August 26th at Lake Avenue Church of the Nazarene, 4100 Lake Avenue. This is necessary for preparation for the ushering responsibilities.

5. PRAYER - Dr. Augsburger, the leading of God, and the involvement of people are basic prayer concerns which can be lifted to God daily.

CRUSADE 73 YOUTH WEEKEND

This weekend event will be from 7:30 to 12:00 on Friday the 7th of September and from 2:00 to 7:00 P.M. on the 8th of September. It features Honeytree, Milt Richards, Swimming, Snacks, Jokes, and Rap. A registration fee of \$2.00 is due by August 1. Contact Doyle Hardy about registration. The Friday night session will be at Hospitality Motor Inn and the Saturday session at Zolie's Chalet on Covington Road. The "Found Free" Contemporary Singing Group will be featured throughout the weekend and experience.

BACK TO SCHOOL (from page one)

- New Church School semester
- Church School Promotion and staffing
- Discipleship Classes begin
- Celebration Worship is moved up to 7:00 P.M.

Thursday night, September 20, marks the beginning of our fall pilot program of Church Family Nights with coordinated programming, meetings, and choir rehearsals. Mark your Thursdays through November 15 as we try this new approach to our weektime activities.

A Church-wide weekend is set for October 19-21 with the Discovery Weekend of our Experiment in Discipline and Discovery. All should schedule in this opportunity for all in our church family for growth, relationship, and renewal of Christian experience together.

Parallel with the renewing of program life in our church, we must call our people to responsible giving of financial resources. Our new budget year began on July 1 and we are running desperately in the hole for these opening weeks. Regular and generous support is needed for our life and witness as a congregation.

On the the necessary building improvements is underway. A new boiler is ordered and will be installed prior to our winter heating season. This is a major expenditure requiring \$5,000 of budgeted money plus other accumulated funds.

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ELECTIVE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFERING

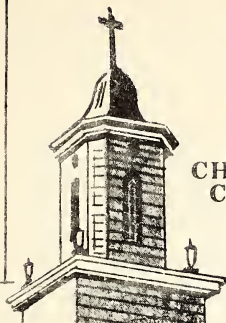
Beginning Sunday, September 9, our new semester will begin in the Sunday Church School. With it, two new elective classes will be offered. One will use the book, "FINDING OUR PLACE IN GOD'S ORDER" by Dr. Fred Craddock, the other using the book, "JOURNEY INWARD, JOURNEY OUTWARD", by Elizabeth O'Conner. The Discipleship Series taught by Dr. Cline will resume in Room 120. These classes are for all ages, high school through adults.

IMPORTANT COMING DATES:

- September 4 - CHURCH BOARD
- September 6 - CHOIR REHEARSALS
- September 9 - NEW CHURCH SCHOOL SEMESTER OPENS - PROMOTION DAY, TEAM TRAINING BEGINS FOR D & D. KEY 73 CRUSADE BEGINS AT COLESIUM
- September 20 - Beginning of CHURCH NIGHT DINNERS and concentrated activities including board, committees, choir rehearsals, fellowship groups, and church-wide activities.
- September 21-23 - DISTRICT I ASSEMBLY at Barbee
- October 7 - WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY
- October 19-21 - DISCOVERY WEEK-END of AN EXPERIMENT IN DISCIPLINE AND DISCOVERY

Even as we look forward to the weeks immediately before us, we rejoice in the aliveness and victories which have been ours in these summer months. We seem posed to have a rich season of relationship and growth in our Lord Jesus Christ. This can be increased by our prayerful undergirding of the church and encouragement of one another in the bond of Christ.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

Sermon "Praise the Lord!"

Psalms 146, 147, 150

8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Labor Day - Church Office Closed

12:00 Noon - Friendly Class at

Morrison's 5303 Sherrill Drive

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:30 P.M. Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Betty

Grimm, 1320 Sherwood

7:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Helen

Williams, 6710 S. Calhoun

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

6:30 P.M. Children's Choir

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:30 P.M. Youth Choir

7:30 P.M. Brummel Group

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned Fruit
Powdered Milk
Peanut Butter
Stews

CALLING ALL ADULT SINGERS

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 P.M. September 6 and sings September 9.

CALLING FOR EXPERIMENTATION IN DISCIPLINES AND DISCOVERIES

Sign form and notify office NOW. Training Sessions start at 5:30 P.M. on 9th; 7:30 P.M. on 11th or 7:40 P.M. on 13th. Be at one of three.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Promotion Sunday in Church School on September 9th. Presentation of Bibles during Divine Worship.

CALLING ALL ADULTS

New Semester of Church School begins on September 9 including 3 elective classes. Find a group!!

CALLING EVERYBODY

September 9 opens CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH - Be in one of our three workshops for each of four Sundays in a row!

CALLING ALL

Key 73 Crusade nightly at Coliseum - September 9-16.

SERVING SEPTEMBER 2

Elders

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and
Fred Smell

10:45 A.M. Merle Rice and
Ben Taylor

8:00 P.M. Rolland Ripple

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Aker, W. Bowen,
R. Hendricks, G. Ludwig

10:45 A.M. D. Allen, E. Allen,
R. Clifton, J. Hechler, A.E.
Huddleston, R. Johnson, R. Ogles,
H. Stevenson

Deaconesses

Lois Finkhousen and Val Williams

Coffee Hour Hostess

Sharon Fredericks

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: 338 Mrs. Nadine Elser

406 Mrs. Eunice Oswald

519 Mrs. Helen Sherrin

Lutheran: 665 Mr. Marvin Rose-
berry

670 Mrs. Blanche Mosbaugh

329 Mrs. Nellie Merryman

WEDDINGS

Michael Frederick Horn and
Hope Ilene Donica on August 25,
1973 performed by Dr. Cline.
They are residing at 1416 N.
Glenwood, Apt. 1-B, Griffith,
Indiana, 46319.

Malinda Sue Chapman and Jack
Leroy Musselman on August 25,
1973 performed by Doyle Hardy.
They are residing at 1006½
Huestis, 07.

TV SPECIAL: "COME TOGETHER"

Pat Boone is featured in a special
hour feature this Sunday from 4:30
to 5:30 P.M. over Channel 33. Also
on the program will be Dr. Myron
Augsburger who will speak nightly
for the Key 73 Preaching Crusade and
Ken and Betty Masterson who are head-
ing the musical side of the Crusade.
Join with others for the TV show
Sunday at 4:30 P.M. Pray in behalf
of the Key 73 Crusade - September 9
to 16.

AUGUST AVERAGES

Church Worship	286
Church School	128
Budget Giving	\$1465.26
Appeal Giving	211.03

NEW MEMBERS DURING AUGUST

Doyle and April Hardy

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED...

To David Vesey and family in the
death of his brother, Dick, last
week.

THANKS SO MUCH!

Earl Fusselman continues to give
our lawn, shrubs, and outdoor appear-
ance a constant improvement. His
work is so very much appreciated.
He has done much trimming, spading,
and edging recently.

Hugh Rice deserves our thanks for
using his woodworking skills in re-
pairing our offering plates and ear-
lier in making holders for our tube
candles.

CHURCH SCHOOL OPENS NEW YEAR - SEPTEMBER 9

The new semester will begin in our Church School on Sunday, September 9. Classes are provided for all ages, from the cradle to the senior citizen groups.

CRIB and TODDLERS - Room 236 - (for those who will not be two until after October 1 and all below this age) - Sandra Doty is providing leadership in this area.

NURSERY - Room 235 - (for those who will be either two or three before October 1) - Andrea Benny, superintendent, assisted by Sandy Zimmerman and Pat Norman, following the text, "The Church and Two's and Three's."

KINDERGARTEN - Room 131 - (for those who are entering Kindergarten this fall or in the fall of 1974) - Sharon Fredericks, superintendent, assisted by Marilyn Frappier, Marilyn Byers, Norma Andrews, and Mary Anne Heiney, studying "God Plans for Us to Grow".

1ST and 2ND GRADES - Room 132, 133 - Helen Williams and Jeanne Gerow in Grade 1, with Helen Clymore and Sylvia Smith in Grade 2, both studying "Finding the Way."

3RD and 4TH GRADES - Room 130 - Jack and Doris Sauerwein studying "Cross-roads".

5TH and 6TH GRADES - Room 333 - Edna Nordblom, with two additional teachers to be announced, studying "Life Is a Gift".

7TH and 8TH GRADES - Room 330 - Jim Ruble and Merle Rice, studying "The Choice is Yours".

9TH and 10TH GRADES - Room 331 - Ray Fredericks and Tom Frappier, studying "Choose!" (Christian Ethics).

11TH and 12TH GRADES - Room 332 - (Teacher to be announced), studying "Decide--Act!"

COLLEGE AND CAREER - Room 230 - Singles either in college or working, taught by William Franklin.

D.M.S. CLASS - Room 117 - For couples, the total of whose ages does not exceed 72, or singles of similar age, taught by Ruby Cline and studying "Ask Me To Dance" by Bruce Larson.

CHURCH SCHOOL OPENS (from page three)

58 CLASS - Room 114 - For couples whose combined ages together in 1958 did not exceed 58, or singles of similiar age, taught by Jack Weicker and studying the Uniform Lessons.

COME DOUBLE CLASS - Room 116 - Mixed class of those whose children are in high school or post high school age, taught by Edna Vaught, studying the Uniform Lessons.

BERAN CLASS - Room 115 - Mixed class of varying ages, taught by Jack Williams, and studying directly from the Bible.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS - Room 220 - A mixed class, taught by Harold Crowder and studying the Uniform Lessons.

FRIENDLY CLASS - Room 231 - A women's class, taught by Jennie Morrical and studying the Uniform Lessons.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS - Room 120 - This is an elective 10 week course for high school, college, and adult levels, with enrollment limited to 16, taught by Dr. Cline. Contact him for enrollment. Open to members who desire to look at basics and especially designed for young couples and prospective members.

ELECTIVE CLASS - Room 301 - Using the study "Finding Our Place In God's Order", by Dr. Fred Craddock, and taught by Miriam Bixenman. Open to all high school, post high, and adult persons.

ELECTIVE CLASS - Room 201 - Using the book, "Journey Inward, Journey Outward", by Elizabeth O'Conner, and open to all high school, post, high and adult persons. Teacher to be announced.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM DURING DIVINE WORSHIP

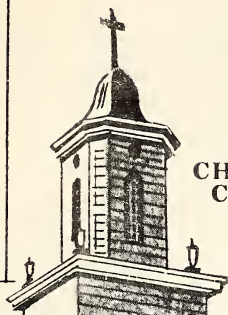
Continuity of leadership can help improve our children's program during worship at 10:45 A.M. each Sunday. We are fortunate that Peggy Buskirk, who will be on leave from her regular Church School assignment this year, has agreed to lead the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade group for one year, if parents are willing to take turns for one month at a time assisting her. This does not mean that it is necessary for anyone to miss worship, for we have three services each Sunday, and the second hour is for the 10:45 service only. This needs to become a vital program. Will you help us make it so for your child?

A volunteer who will work on a similar plan for the Kindergarten-First Grade group is being sought. If you are asked, please give this your prayerful consideration.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:00 A.M. Deaconess Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

Doyle F. Hardy, preaching

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

Dr. Harold E. Cline, preaching

3:00 P.M. Annual Meeting,

Emily E. Flinn Home

5:30 P.M. D & D Training

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

7:30 P.M. Community Week of Preach-

ing at Colesium, each evening th-

rough next Sunday, September 16

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

10:00 A.M. Study Group

7:30 P.M. Guild, Mrs. Charles

Dare, 4527 Lafayette Esplanade

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Virginia

Bruckman, 3729 South Drive

7:30 P.M. D & D Training

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:00 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor

7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Parlor

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:30 P.M. D & D Training

ELISM • EVANGELISM •
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ER • WORLD ORDER • V
JUSTICE • JUSTICE • US
CE • PEACE • PEACE •
ECUMENICAL • INVOLV
ION • RECONCILIATION
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Church Loyalty Month

SEPTEMBER

MEDITATIVE WORSHIP - 8:15 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.

Children promoted - New Semester
Begins

DIVINE WORSHIP - 10:45 A.M.

Chancel Choir Sings

Bible Presentations

Teacher Recognition

Extended Sessions

EXPERIMENT IN DISCIPLINE AND DIS-
COVERY - 5:30 P.M.

Team Training Begins

CELEBRATION WORSHIP - 7:00 P.M.

Earlier winter schedule

KEY 73 CRUSADE - 7:30 P.M.

Christian Community opens week
at Colesium

SERVING SEPTEMBER 9

Elders

8:15 A.M. David Griggs and
Dean Widler

10:45 A.M. Goerge Davis and
William Crouse

7:00 P.M. Robert Rayl

Deacons

8:15 A.M. S. Cole, F. Rich-
ardson, J. Sauerwein, R. Urich

10:45 A.M. R. Cole, T. Frap-
pier, R. Gerow, H. Helmuth, O.
McDougle, T. Ogles, D. Pomeroy,
J. Zimmerman

Deaconesses

Lois Finkhousen and Val Williams

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, R.
Flickinger, D. Smith, M. Terry,
D. Olson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Cheva-
lier, H. Stevenson, K. Place,
J. Frappier, C. Cline

Coffee Hour Hostess

Judy Aker

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: 338 Mrs. Nadine Elser
406 Mrs. Eunice Oswald
519 Mrs. Helen Sheerin
532 Jeff Steinbach

Lutheran:

665 Mr. Marvin Roseberry
W-4 Mary Chasar

PANTRY NEEDS:

Soups
Peanut Butter
Crackers
Main Dish Dinners

CLASS PICNICS

Come Double Class will have a pic-
nic at Lions Park at 5:00 P.M. (come
anytime after 3:00 P.M.) on Saturday,
September 15.

The Progressive Class will have a
picnic at Lions Park at 1:30 P.M. on
Sunday, September 16.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

The church office desires to know
the college address of all from our
church families. Pleast contact the
office with the college address as
well as the college being attended
including those within town. We like
to mail THE TIDINGS regularly to our
students along with other special
mail.

MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

The invitation is out for addi-
tional persons to share in study and
prayer every other Monday at 10:00
A.M. This group will reconvene for
fall on September 10.

CWF CLOTHING DRIVE FOR CHURCH WORLD
SERVICE

Needed: Good usable children's
clothing, layettes, light weight,
practical adult's clothing, blan-
kets for Church World Service.
Contributions of 10¢ a pound or 25¢
a blanket are needed. Boxes will
be at church entrances September 1
through 16.

THANK YOU:

Our family would like to thank the
members of the church for all their
concern showed for Chuck and his fam-
ily through our sorrow, by their pray-
ers, phone calls, cards and letters.
The basket of flowers was beautiful
and very much appreciated.

Mrs. Charles Hunt and family

RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS' SERVICE

This Sunday, September 9, there will be a special service of recognition and appreciation for all of our Church School teachers and youth group sponsors at the Divine Worship Service (10:45 A.M.). All teachers are asked to be present. The service will be near the beginning of the service so that those who have attended the Meditative Service may feel free to leave. Teachers for the current year, as announced in last week's TIDINGS, were elected at Tuesday evening's meeting of our Church Board except that Ray Fredericks will now be teaching the 11th & 12th Grade Class until the end of his current term.

SECOND HOUR TO BEGIN

The Second Hour Classes for those in Kindergarten-Fourth Grade will resume during Divine Worship on September 9. Mrs. Peggy Buskirk will be the regular teacher for the 2nd-4th grades, Mrs. Bixenman for Kindergarten-1st Grade. Both will be assisted by parents on a monthly basis. Child Care for nursery children will continue during all three services. We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Carolyn Gardner and Mrs. Rebecca Morris will be regular attendants in this area during Divine Worship, Sunday D & D training, Celebration Worship and on Family Nights. They will be assisted by others from the congregation. Second Hour will begin for Kindergarten and above following the sermonette. Children will sit with their parents until this time. Beginning September 9, we will no longer bring Nursery children into the worship service for the sermonette.

CYF PLANNING RETREAT

Our CYF will have a planning retreat to map out their year's program the weekend of October 5-7 in connection with our regular church Family Camp Out that same weekend at Barbee Christian Camp. CYFers are asked to mark their calendars now!

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHTS 9/20-11/5

Plans are going forward for a variety of activities and opportunities on these Thursday evenings.

Schedule for the evening:

5:30 - 6:30 Served Meal

6:30 - 7:30 First Period

7:40 - 8:40 Second Period

The program includes all ages. Mov-
(continued in the next column)

FAMILY NIGHTS (continued)

ies, study groups, story hours, and crafts, along with youth fellowships and choirs are a part of the evening.

Some foci include:

September 20 - All Committees and leadership education

September 27 - All Church Sing Out

October 4 - All Committees

October 11- Church Board

October 18- General Assembly Preview

October 25 - Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses

November 1 - All Committees

November 8 - Church Board

November 15 - Congregational Dinner.



GREETINGS IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

As is indicated on page one, this coming Sunday is a day of beginnings for our congregation. May I seek to call forth your participation as we outline the day.

8:15 A.M. - MEDITATIVE WORSHIP - Our new Student Associate Pastor, Doyle F. Hardy, will be preaching.

9:30 A.M. - CHURCH SCHOOL enters upon a new year. Children will be promoted after going to their former classes for the opening. In addition to the ongoing classes for adults, there are three elective opportunities for adults: 1) Discipleship Class - A ten week

look at Christian basics led by Dr. Cline in Room 120; 2) "Finding Our Place in God's Order" led by Mrs. Bixenman in Room 301; and 3) "Journey Inward, Journey Outward", led by Andy and Joyce Crowe, using the book by Elizabeth O'Conner out of the experiences of the Church of the Savior in Washington, D.C.

10:45 A.M. - DIVINE WORSHIP - Our Church School staff will share in a special recognition and dedication service. Several are going off our Church School staff on the three year rotation basis including Linda King, Judy Aker, Delores Keebortz, Peggy Buskirk, Betty Gerrard, and George Bruckman.

Bibles from the church will be presented to the following children being promoted from Second to Third Grade Class: Julie Cook, Machel Christ, John Doeberman, Nancy Frappier, Diane Fredericks, Jeff Gardner, Tim Knuckles, Brooks Mollenhour, Brian Ruble, Laura Sauerwein, Wade Smith, Sam VanWagner, and Karen Webster.

We welcome back our Chancel Choir with leadership at the 10:45 A.M. Service this Sunday. This is always an addition to our worship. Dr. Cline will be preaching.

Our new improved child care and Extended Sessions begin. Children of age 4 and above should join parents for the opening of worship. They will leave with their leaders immediately following the Sermonette which comes rather early in the hour.

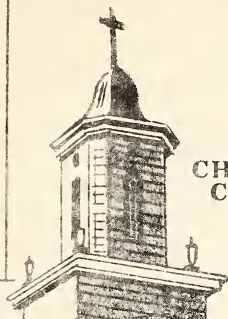
5:30 P.M. - TEAM TRAINING "An Experiment in Discipline and Discovery" begins under the leadership of Ruby Cline in the parlor. Persons are invited regularly for five weeks to be involved in one of the three groups each week, Sunday evening, Tuesday, or Thursday. Child Care is provided on Sunday and Thursday evenings.

7:00 P.M. - CELEBRATION WORSHIP - The earlier time is set for the school year in this participatory worship experience. Child Care is available for the young.

7:30 P.M. - COMMUNITY KEY 73 CRUSADE - Dr. Myron Augsburger begins 8 nights of preaching at the Coliseum. Singers are invited to join the Crusade Choir by arriving at 6:00 P.M. on the opening night

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

3:00 P.M. Come Double Class
Picnic, Lions Park

7:30 P.M. Key 73 Crusade

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

1:30 P.M. Progressive Class

Picnic, Lions Park

5:30 P.M. D & D Training

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

7:30 P.M. Key 73 Crusade

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

11:45 A.M. CWF Luncheon and
Meeting

7:30 P.M. D & D Training

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:30 P.M. Leadership Education

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

5:30 P.M. CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, SEPT-

EMBER 21, 22 & 23

District I Assembly at Barbee

PANTRY NEEDS: Main Dish Dinners
Soap Products
Canned Fruits
Canned Vegetables
Peanut Butter

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHTS BEGIN

Thursday, September 20, marks the beginning of this 10 week pilot program. It includes a served meal, all choir rehearsals, youth fellowships, church committees, and other activities. Child Care and programming for the entire family is planned for each Thursday.

The O.M.S. Class is serving the meal on the 20th. Some special foods will be available weekly for diet problems. Forms are available at the church for either standing food reservations or on designated nights. Call the church office by Monday -noon for a reservation for Thursday the 20th. Serving will begin at 5:30 and continue through to 6:30 P.M.

The East Parlor will be open all evening for quiet study or reading. Child Care for the young will be cared for in rooms 235 and 236 by Carolyn Gardner and Rebecca Morris all evening.

Program 6:30 to 7:30 P.M.

STORY HOUR-Kind. & Gr. 1 - Rm. 131

STORY HOUR-Gr. 2 & 3 - Rm. 133

JUNIOR DISCIPLES-Gr. 4-6 - Rm. 130

YOUTH CHOIR-Gr. 7-12 - Rm. 321

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SERVING SEPTEMBER 16

Elders

8:15 A.M. Hugh Rice and
William Schilling

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee
and Andrew Cook

7:00 P.M. George Bruckman

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Aker, W. Gump,
R. Hendricks, G. Ludwig

10:45 A.M. R. Clifton, C.

Hetrick, W. Koehlinger, T.

Knuckles, V. Moore, R. Petty,

D. Weaver, D. Young

Deaconesses

Lois Finkhousen and Val Williams

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, R.

Flickinger, D. Smith, M. Terry,
D. Olson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chev-
alier, H. Stevenson, K. Place,

J. Frappier, C. Cline

Coffee Hour Hostess

Frances Eckert

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 665 Mr. Marvin Roseberry

~~438 Miss Mary Chasar~~

~~442 Fred VanWagner~~

484 Miss Ruth Yost

~~596 Mrs. DeAnn Crist~~

621 Mrs. Mary LaPointe

Parkview: 735 Mr. William Patten-
gale

532 Mr. Jeff Steinbach

519 Mrs. Helen Sheerin

438 Mrs. Bonita Hennessey

FUNERALS BY PASTOR:

Mrs. Nellie P. Merryman, a mem-
ber since 1962 on September 10,
1973. Mrs. Merryman would have
been 93 in November.

PRAY FOR MEMBERS SERVING OTHERS

Ray and Sharon Fredericks will
be at First United Presbyterian
Church in Huron, Ohio, for a pre-
Mission Visitation since Ray is
coordinating a Lay Witness Mis-
sion there in October.

Dean and Elsie Widler will
serve on a team coordinated by
Tom Freund at the Peoples Church
in South Bend.

Don and Judie Passwater, Merle
and Bea Rice, and Jeanne Gerow
are serving on a LWM team with
Harry Dawson at the large Reform-
ed Church in Demotte, Indiana.

Harold and Ruby Cline are the
resource leaders for a Church
Board retreat of the Lincolnshire
Church of the Brethren on Friday
and Saturday at Camp Mack. The
theme is "A Tuned-In Church thr-
ough a Turned On Board".

MEMBER TO FLINN HOME

Mrs. Mary Dilts entered the
Emily E. Flinn Home, yesterday,
September 12. Mrs. Dilts has
been a long time member and was
an avid reader. She did much in
her ministry of books in recent
years. We are glad that room was
available. This home sponsored
by our Christian Churches is cur-
rently running 150 residents in
the Family.

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Miss Judith Raber on September
10, 1973. Judy had been rear-
ed in the South Side Nazarene,
but her family had recently come
within the orbit of our ministry.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1973

Upon recommendation of the Stewardship-Finance Committee, the board voted approval of the receiving of a designated memorial gift for Walter M. Keebortz to be used to install a new public address system in the Worship Nave. The contract has been let to the Roehm Radio and Sound Company for installation. Some special equipment for recording services, playing records over the system, and storage amounts to \$683.10 if there would be interested donors to complete this entire project.

The Church School staff was confirmed for the following terms: Through September, 1974: *Sandra Zimmerman, Sharon Fredericks, Jeanne Gerow, Edna Nordblom, Jim Ruble, Merle Rice, Tom Frappier, Ray Fredericks.* Through September, 1975: *Andrea Benny, Mary Ann Heiney, Norma Andrews, Helen Williams, Helen Clymore.* Through September, 1976: *Sandra Doty, Pat Norman, Marilyn Frappier, Marilyn Byers, Sylvia Smith, Jack & Doris Sauerwein.* Adult Teachers chosen by the class or selected for elective series involve: *Bill Franklin, Ruby Cline, Jack Weicker, Edna Vaught, Jack Williams, Harold Crowder, Jennie Morrical, Harold Cline, Miriam Bixenman, Andrew & Joyce Crowe.* Youth counselors enlisted to date include: *Ben & Val Taylor* for Chi Rho and *Barbara Schrock* for Junior Disciples. *Peg Buskirk* and *Miriam Bixenman* are serving this year as continuous leadership in the Extended Session during Worship for Kindergarten through fourth grade children.

The Property Committee reported that the boiler contract of \$8,463 was signed and Pearson, Inc. are moving rapidly towards completing the work. The Tender-Loving-Care being given our lawn and shrubs by Earl Fusselman was mentioned along with the reciprocal arrangement with Miller's Sunoco, who uses our small parking lot during the week in return for snow removal during the winter months.

Andy Cook, speaking for the Stewardship-Finance Committee, mentioned that our July and August giving was 31% behind budgetary needs. Our budget is a 28% increase over giving last year. All were asked to read II Corinthians 9 in preparation for faith commitments to be made on September 30.

Some discussion was held concerning the Church Family Nights which begin on September 20 and during which the October and November board meetings will be held on the 11th and 8th respectively.

Thirty-eight Board members were present in addition to two from the ministerial staff.

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT (from page 1)

World Outreach Com. - Rm. 200
Planning Com. - Rm. 201
Chr. Action & Com. Ser. - Rm. 301
Stew-Fin. Com. - Rm. 300
Evangelism Com. - Rm. 331
Worship Com. - Rm. 332
Membership Com. - Rm. 333

DEVELOPMENT FILMS & DISCUSSION

Rm. 120-"Teaching & Learning
With Grades 1 & 2", Karen Flickinger, Leader.

Rm. 220-"Teaching & Learning
With Grades 5 & 6", Miriam Bixenman, Leader.

Program - 7:40 to 8:40 P.M.

STORY HOUR CONTINUATION

CHILDREN'S CHOIR-Gr. 4-6, Rm. 333

CHI RHO-Gr. 7-9, Rm. 330

C.Y.F.-Gr. 10-12, Rm. 332

D & D TRAINING - Rm. 231

N.T. BIBLE STUDY - Rm. 130

CHANCEL CHOIR - Rm. 321

DEVELOPMENT FILMS & DISCUSSION

Rm. 120-"Teaching & Learning
With Grades 3 & 4", Karen Flickinger, Leader.

Rm. 220-"Teaching & Learning
With Grades 7 & 8, Miriam Bixenman, Leader

These Development Films and discussions are designed for teachers, parents, yes and any of us to learn and grow as enablers of children.

FINAL CALL: D & D TRAINING

Tonight is the third of the first week of the D & D Training Sessions. Any person is invited to join this intensive five week experiment. Come to the Parlor at 7:40 P.M. tonight. There is Child Care for the young.

DISTRICT ONE ASSEMBLY

Barbee Christian Camp is the location of this weekend event. You may share totally or one day.

Friday evening, September 21
Celebration Worship of C.W.F. Centennial, Lester & Phyllis Ringham, leading.

Saturday, September 22 - Serendipity Workshop led by Dr. Cline.

Banquet Supper & Business

Evening Campfire

Sunday, September 23 - Sunday Morning Worship, Jim Keown of Regional Staff leading.

Eat before arriving Friday or take picnic supper. The meals will be served by three of our churches on Saturday. Campers will have to provide for their own meals on Sunday. Cabins are available along with space for tents or trailers.

CALLING ALL WOMEN

The C.W.F. is holding its first General Meeting as a luncheon, next Tuesday the 18th beginning at 11:45 A.M. Any woman of the church is invited. Please make reservations immediately by calling the church office 744-3239; Judy Church 447-5691; or Margaret Love 744-1615. You are wanted to share this day.

CALL FOR HELP

Two groups are seeking persons interested in providing child care on a paid basis.

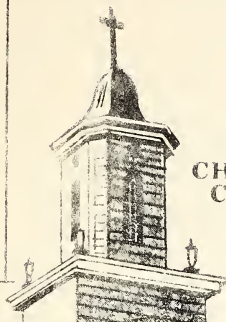
The CWF is anxious to have persons from 11:30 to 3:00 on the 18th. Call Judy Church, 447-5691.

The Friday morning Prayer-Share-Study Group is looking for someone on a regular basis for 5 or 6 children while they meet at the church. Call Rosemary Krull, 432-6181.

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CHURCH FAMILY NIGHTS

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, SEPT-
EMBER 21, 22, & 23

District I Assembly, Barbee

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

*Dialogue Sermon: Doyle Hardy
and Harold E. Cline*

5:30 P.M. D & D Training

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

10:00 A.M. Study Group

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:30 P.M. D & D Training

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

5:30 P.M. CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT

Tonight has a served meal from 5:30 to 6:30; all committees meeting plus Youth Choir and a full children's program from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M.; and then Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, N.T. Bible Study, D & D Training Session, C.Y.F. and Children's Program from 7:40 to 8:40. During both evening hours, there will be leadership development films especially valuable for all parents, teachers, and persons interested in children. Child care all evening.

One car trip to the church includes supper, choir rehearsals, youth fellowships, functional committees, and other special opportunities. 4800 South Calhoun is the place to be TONIGHT! Many have requested part of all of this program. COME AND SHARE THIS EXPERIMENT of focusing church activities on one night.

PANTRY NEEDS

Canned Fruit

Soups

Powdered Milk

SUNDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY

Study with others in relationship and corporate worship open the week with the right foundation for a week with God. SEE YOU SUNDAY!

SERVING SEPTEMBER 23

Elders

8:15 A.M. Bert Leversee and
William Franklin

10:45 A.M. Earl Plummer and
Robert Rayl

7:00 P.M. Larry Barnes

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Bowen, S. Cole,
R. Johnson, Fred Richardson

10:45 A.M. D. Allen, E. Allen,
J. Hechler, A.E. Huddleston, B.
Lehman, O. McDougale, R. Ogles,
H. Stevenson

Deaconesses

Barbara Taylor and Judy Aker

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, R.
Flickinger, D. Smith, M. Terry,
D. Olson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Cheval-
ier, H. Stevenson, K. Place,
J. Frappier, C. Cline

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview

532 Mr. Jeff Steinbach

S108 Mrs. Helen Sheerin

Lutheran

M106 Mr. William Benny

M209 Mrs. Esther Clipp

621 Mrs. Mary LaPointe

861 Mrs. Donna Johnson

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Jeffrey William Steinbach and
Deborah Jean Gump at the Chapel
of Parkview Hospital on Septem-
ber 15, 1973. They will reside
at 1921½ Hillside Drive.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

The Pictorial Directories are
available in the church office for
all families who had their pictures
taken in the spring. One copy per
family is available from the com-
pany for those who cooperated by
having a picture taken. Secure
them as soon as possible from the
office of our Receptionist-Secretary
Mrs. Barbara Short. They will be
available during the Church Family
Night tonight and after the worship
hours on Sunday.

HELP THE OFFICE

The office is missing the follow-
ing copies of THE TIDINGS. If you
have them would you give them to the
church office for inclusion in an
effort to bind all past issues.
Missing are:

November 29, 1956

January 24, 1957

January 12, 1967

April 20, 1967

May 4, 1967

December 3, 1969

August 6, 1970

August 20, 1970

As the checking process continues,
we may need other copies between the
years of 1955 and 1970.

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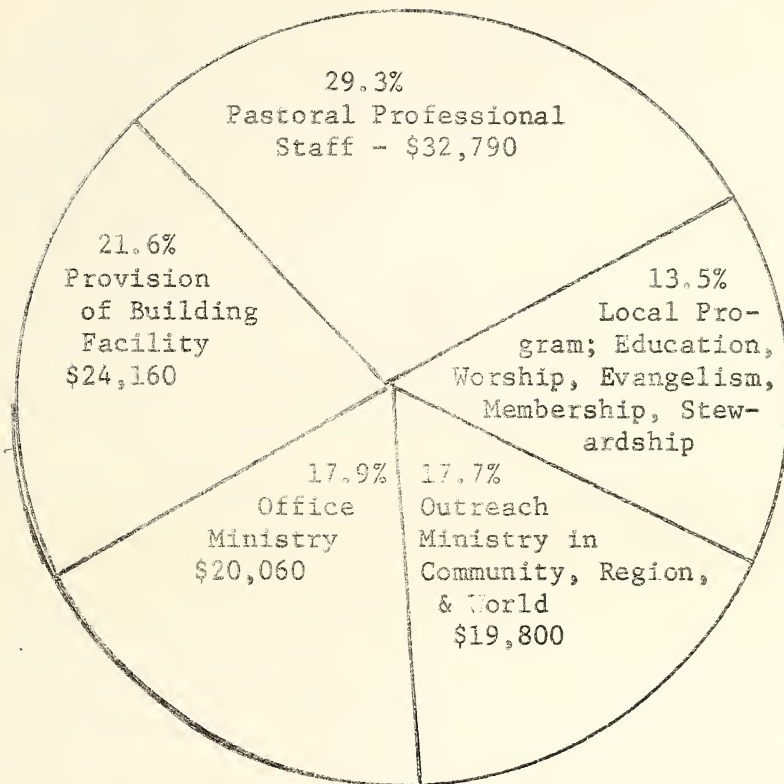
To Captain and Mrs. M. Dennis
Graham, a son, Brooke Cova, on Aug-
ust 28, 1973. She is the former
Kathyrine Weicker. They are at
Giffiss AFB at Rome, N.Y.

THANKS TO CHURCH

The family of Nellie Merryman
acknowledges with deep appreciation
your kind expression of sympathy.

1973-74 OPERATING BUDGET BREAKDOWN FOR SPENDING

First Christian Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana



To fulfill our operating needs of \$112,009, we need weekly giving of \$2,113. This is possible by the combining of everyone sharing in gifts whether large or small. All need to give in proportion to resources and income.

A \$5,000 special item in our building budget is near at hand. The work on the boiler replacement is being completed this week. Give generously NOW for this immediate need which can not be spread over the year.

Our ministry to others is behind both locally and in the region, nation, and world because of the low giving since July 1. Let's catch up so that we can be responsible to others!



"I've always wanted
to grow as a giver!"

FAITH COMMITMENTS ARE ONE WEEK AWAY

Our stewardship program this year has no fixed commitments for budget giving. Rather, the emphasis is upon dedicated Christian commitment expressed to God as a basis for the giving of our resources. The concern is that we face the issue of giving with the growth factor clearly in mind within our lives and economics of today. The growth factor is evident in church bills. Growth is needed for life in each one of us.

On Faith Commitment Sunday, September 30, each family or person will be asked to determine his rate of giving as a commitment to God. This commitment will be written and then burned within worship as a symbol of it being made to God. The results will be measured by our actual giving rather than by signed intention cards.

Giving is a matter of living. Christian living is a natural part of Christian life. I make no apologies for challenging people to giving. Many people are sick, dying, and dead because of failing to see the implications of giving. The giving for liquor, tobacco, gambling, harmful drugs, boats, cat and dog food--any or all of these make our Christian and charitable giving look like peanuts. The values which we determine for spending of our financial resources are definite clues to our lives. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Giving can express life-giving and enduring-life values.

I recognize that some are on fixed incomes or limited accumulated resources. The church does not expect an increase in giving from these. Some perhaps cannot give a dollar to the church--these should help us become aware of the desperation of needs so we can help them. Every member who can should be giving something to the church even if it seems so very small. Giving is an expression of interest and support.

GROWTH is a possibility for those in the income earning years. GROWTH SHOULD REFLECT EITHER A GROWTH IN COMMITMENT OR A GROWTH IN INCOME OR RESOURCES. Perhaps, you do not see your way to jump to 5% or 10% or 15% giving of income, yet you can increase 1% more of earned income in giving than last year. This is growth.

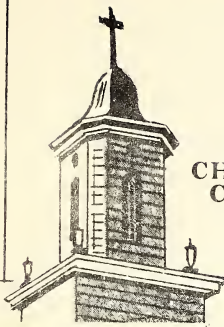
Each person must stand before God in his decisions and commitments. This is the message we are attempting to realize in our congregation through our faith commitments given to God on September 30th.

Harold E. Chinn

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CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

5:30 - Church Family Night
- Served Supper - Congregational Meeting -
Sing Out - Choir Rehearsals - Youth Fellowships

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 - FAITH COMMITMENT

SUNDAY

8:15 A.M. - Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. - Church School
10:45 A.M. - Divine Worship

SERMON: "A BIBLICAL BASE FOR UNITY"

John 17; I Cor. 1:10-18; Eph. 4:1-6

5:30 P.M. - D. & D. Training
7:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group with Spice Group
as guests with Mrs. Ethel Flowers, 9410 Saratoga Rd.

7:30 P.M. - D. & D. Training

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Higdon Group with Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 E.
Lexington at 7:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

5:30 P.M. - Church Family Night - Served
Meal - Committees - Choirs, Youth, Children,
Adult program.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

Church Camp Out begins at Camp Barbee -
Open to all!



FAITH COMMITMENT SUNDAY

A unique and different experience of commitment to God will be shared in each worship hour on Sunday. Financial goals for underwriting budget needs will be shared as commitments and covenants with God. These will be burned in an act of dedication.

The challenge is out to be responsible, to grow in giving in proportion to income, and to lift our giving to the highest spiritual level. Our Christian stewardship is a normal expression of Christian life in the responsible use and giving of resources entrusted to us.

Ponder and come prepared for a moving expression of FAITH COMMITMENTS this Sunday at one of our three worship hours - 8:15 A.M.; 10:45 A.M.; 7:00 P.M.

SERVING SEPTEMBER 30

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Love and George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Floyd Morrical & George Bruckman

7:00 P.M. Dean Widler

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. Ronald Gerow, George Ludwig, Jack Sauerwein, Robert Urich

10:45 A.M. Rex Clifton, Romane Cole, Tom Frappier, Herdis Helmuth, Tom Knuckles, Tom Ogles, Don Pomeroy, Jerry Zimmerman

DEACONESSES

Barbara Taylor and Judy Aker

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, R. Flickinger, D. Smith
M. Terry, D. Olson.

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson
K. Place, T. Frappier, C. Cline.

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran :

M-106 - Mr. William Benny

M-207 - Mr. Al Powell

414 - Miss Mary Chacar

816 - Mrs. Donna Johnson

620 - Frances Lyles

St. Joseph:

511 - Mrs. Marjorie Holmberg

Parkview:

S-108 - Mrs. Helen Sheerin

532 - Mr. Jeff Steinbach

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Weldon Gene Hougendobler and Patricia Ann Raber on 9/22/73. They are residing at 4816 So. Monroe St., -06

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Herdis Helmuth in the death of his brother, Harold, last week at Roanoke on 9/17/73.

To Mrs. Helen Steigerwald and John A. Steigerwald in the death of husband and father, John L. on 9/18/1973.

THANK YOU AND GREETINGS:

Our Timothy, Ed. Allen, Jr., who is studying at Brite Seminary at Texas Christian University, expressed a "hello" and a thank you for the help received on the Church Vocation Scholarship grant. He is in his second semester of Seminary education. His new address is Box 30433, T.C.U. Station, Fort Worth, Texas. 26129

THANK YOU!

Mrs. Claire Schryver is doing a job each week for the church in the compiling the pages and stapling the Sunday bulletins. We appreciate this regular task performed in behalf of the church.

DISTRICT ONE ASSEMBLY AT BARBEE:

Our new district officers elected last Saturday evening were - Rev. Lester Ringham of Kendallville, president; Lynn Childers of North Christian vice-president; and Jane Proska of Auburn, secretary-treasurer. Ralph and Judy Church, Judy Aker, and Deanna Ruble shared in the Friday evening session. Miriam Bixenman, Peggy Buskirk, and Harold Cline participated Friday night and Saturday. Joining them for Saturday were Doyle and April Hardy, Dean and Elsie Widler, Barbara Dawn and Denise Schrock.

PRAY FOR MEMBERS SERVING OTHERS

Ben, and Valeria Taylor and Peggy Buskirk, are serving on the Lay Witness Mission team at First Baptist Church, Holly Michigan, this weekend, September 28-30. Marvin Muilenberg is coordinator. We rejoice in these going to share faith, life and love with others.

ERROR IN THE TIDINGS LAST WEEK

The 13.5 % for Local Program: Education, Worship, Evangelism, Membership, and Stewardship, did not include the dollar amount which is \$15,199. See page 3 of last week - Sept. 20.

THE CHRISTIAN MAGAZINE

Page 23 pf the national weekly, THE CHRISTIAN dated Sept. 23, 1973, featured The Pantry Program of our church.

AN EXPERIMENT IN DISCIPLINE AND DISCOVERY

This major program in our church this fall is moving forward to the key weekend, which is the second phase of the program. Discovery Weekend will be October 19-21 and is important for every member and friend of the church. Our general chairman, Dr. James Ruble makes the following announcement in developing program and plans:

PREPARATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN FOR DISCOVERY WEEKEND, OCTOBER 19-21

Attendance Committee - Hugh Rice
Child Care and Program - Helen Williams and Nila Schilling
Food Preparation Committee - Deanna Ruble and Judy Aker
Coffee Hosting Committee - Natalie Ulrich and Renee Richardson
Prayer Committee - Dean and Elsie Widler
Follow-Up Committee - Ray and Sharon Fredericks

THE DISCOVERY WEEKEND SCHEDULE FOR HOME CALENDARING

Friday, October 19

6:30 P.M. -- All Church Pitch-in Meal and Opening Program

Saturday, October 20

7:00 A.M. -- Men and boys Served Breakfast and Program
10:00 A.M. -- 22 Coffees across city for adults and 3 youth coke parties
12:30 P.M. -- Women and Girls Luncheon and Program
7:30 P.M. -- Evening Session

Sunday, October 21

8:15 A.M. -- Meditative Worship, led by our lay-persons
9:30 A.M. -- Church School Classes with our "home team" leading all youth and Adult Classes
10:45 A.M. -- Divine Worship led by our lay-persons
7:00 P.M. -- "Catacomb Service" in Fellowship Hall Concluded with Eucharist Celebration.

THE PERSONS NOW EXPERIMENTING IN PHASE ONE OF THE PROGRAM IN PREPARATION FOR LEADERSHIP DURING THE WEEK END AND DURING THE FOLLOW UP PROGRAM:

Ruby Cline is leading the following persons who have begun the training program as prepared by Ben Campbell Johnson of the Institute of Church Renewal: Ed & Sue Allen, Ethel Allen, Judy Aker, Kathryn Banet, Andrea Benny, Miriam Bixenman, Peggy Buskirk, Ralph & Judy Church, Harold & Chad Cline, Marlene Crouse, Joyce Crowe, Ray & Sharon Fredericks, Jeanne Gerow, Merle & Betty Grimm, April Hardy, Mary Lou Hartzler, Dorothy Ikenberry, Delores Keebortz, Nancy Kroll, Rosemary Krull, Floyd & Jennie Morrical, Edna & Debby Nordblom, Bernie & Pat Norman, Don Parlette, Don & Judi Passwater, Merle & Bea Rice, Jim and Deanna Ruble, Schellie Schell, Don and Barbara Short, Barbara & Dawn Schrock, Mark & Pauline Snyder, Ben, Val and Barbara Taylor, Edna Vaught, Jack & Janet Weicker, Dean & Elsie Widler, Val Williams, Fay Woodhull, Nancy & Diane Wortley, Jerry & Sandra Zimmerman.

PRAY - PLAN - PREPARE FOR DISCOVERY WEEKEND - OCTOBER 19-21 !!

ALL CHURCH FAMILY CAMP OUT

The last Family Camp Out for the current year will be the week end of October 5, 6, & 7 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). The Camp Out will be at Barbee Christian Camp, just off route 13, a few miles south of North Webster. Cost will be a total of \$15.00, pro-rated among those going, plus our providing our own food. This camp out will not necessarily involve campers having their own equipment, as we may sleep in the cabins or use our own campers as we see fit. This will be an opportunity, too, when we can serve our camping program in Indiana by helping to ready the camp grounds for winter on Saturday morning. The balance of the time will be our own, as is usual in our camping program. Those going are asked to notify Russell Wortley (747-0905) or Miriam Bixenman in the church office by October 2, and to meet in the church parlor immediately following second service this Sunday, September 30, to plan meals, as we will be using the camp kitchen and can all cook together.

CYF will be having a planning retreat in connection with this camp out. This group will be notified of full details of their plans this Sunday, Sept. 30.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Hugh Rice has called a special congregational meeting at 6:30 P.M. tonight, Thursday, Sept. 27, to give approval to a recommendation of the Church Board that up to \$5,000 be spent for the boiler replacement and the needed repairs on the plumbing of our heating system from the Building and Equipment Fund of our Memorial Funds. The amount is to be equal the budget amount spent. This will precede the Sing Out of our Church Family Night during the 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. hour.

COMING SERMONS BY DR. CLINE

What does the Christian Church believe in this day of ecumenicity? Five sermons are planned on the general theme, "OUR DISCIPLE HERITAGE IN THIS ECUMENICAL AGE".

There will be a two week interlude in the middle, but here is the schedule:

Sept. 30 - A BIBLICAL BASE FOR UNITY"

John 17; I Cor. 1:10-18; Eph. 4:1-6

Oct. 7 - World Wide Communion Sunday -

"THE CENTRALITY OF COMMUNION IN WORSHIP" - Acts 20:7; I Cor. 11:23-32;

John 6.

Oct. 14 - "A MINISTRY SHARED BY ALL"

II Cor. 2:14-3:11; 5:8-21; Eph. 4:11-16

Oct. 21 - Discovery Weekend

Oct. 28 - General Assembly. Dr. Cline preaching in Cincinnati.

Nov 4 - "A PERSONAL FAITH IN JESUS"

Acts 8: 26-39; 9:1-19; Gal. 3:23-29

Nov. 11 - "A WITNESS TO UNIVERSAL BAPTISM" Matt. 3:1-17; 28:18-20; Acts 2: 36-42; Romans 6: 1-11.

Questions and reaction are most welcome from the congregation on these sermons.

COMING CHURCH FAMILY NIGHTS

Tonight - Sept. 27 - Special congregational meeting at 6:30 P.M. and church SING OUT. All choirs, youth fellowships, adult Bible Study, and CWF Cabinet.

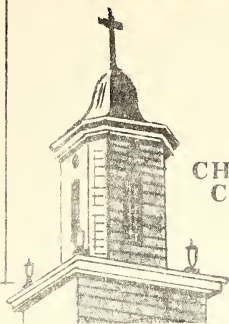
October 4 - All Functional Committees at 6:30 P.M. Regular other groups and special movie for committee non-members.

October 11 - Church Board will meet at 6:30 P.M. -- Non-board members are welcome to visit Board or to share simultaneous program.

Meal reservations are due on Mondays preceding Thursday nights. \$1.25 for adults; 75¢ for children, Family maximum of \$4.00.

PANTRY NEEDS - CANNED FRUIT - CANNED SOUPS - BABY FOOD

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CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

5:30 - Church Family Night - Served Meal -
Functional Committees - Choirs - Youth Fellow-
ships.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:00 Evening meal opens Camp-out at Bar-
bee Camp -- All invited!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:30 A.M. - Men's Breakfast Group

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 - WORLD COMMUNION

8:15 A.M. - Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. - Church School

10:45 A.M. - Divine Worship

SERMON:"THE CENTRALITY OF COMMUNION
IN WORSHIP" = Acts 20:7; I Cor. 11:23-32;

John 6. Dr. Cline preaching

5:30 P.M. - D & D Training

7:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

10:30 A.M. - Study Group in Parlor

7:30 P.M. - Fellowship Guild with Miss Pearl
Heidecker, 4001 Indiana Ave

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

12 Noon - Gamboe Group potluck at the
Lutheran Home, 6701 So. Anthony.

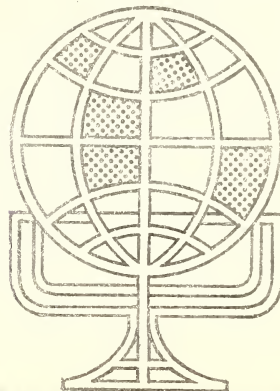
7:30 P.M. - D & D Training

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00 A.M. - Rivera Group in Parlor with
Child care provided.

7:30 P.M. - Nelson Group with Mrs. Barbara
Schrock, 7528 Breckenwood

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WORLD COMMUNION

October 7

THE LORD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO JOIN HIM
AT HIS TABLE DURING WORSHIP

At 8:15 A.M., 10:45 A.M., or 7:00 P.M.

Any who are prevented by health reasons from
attending and who desire communion, are asked
to call the church and it will be brought to the
home.

Even though communion is a regular part of
our worship, we underscore this day when the
virtual whole of Christendom gathers to meet
the Lord at His Table. Unabashedly, we call
for every Christian to join in this experience.
The Lord's Supper recalls us to Jesus and the cen-
tral gift and life which he gives.

For the first time, a special day offering is
a part of World Wide Communion Sunday - See
Page 3 and the article on RECONCILIATION.

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SERVING OCTOBER 7

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and John Merrill
10:45 A.M. Fred Smell and David Griggs
7:00 P.M. Merle Rice

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. Ron Aker, Bob Hendricks, Rex Clifton, Vernon Moore
10:45 A.M. Dempsey Weaver, Clarence Hetrick, Delmas Young, Don Short, Jim Taylor, Bob Petty, Lawrence Horn and Wayne Koehlinger.

DEACONE SSES

Judy Aker and Barbara Taylor

USHERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman, Gail Hunt, Mac Olson, Louis Chasar, Gale Van Wagner
10:45 A.M. Andrew Cook, Robert Chevalier, Tom Weirick, Jim Kirsch, Max Finkhousen
Chris McDougle.

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran; ICU - Miss Mary Chasar

627 - Mr. Leslie Futterer

St. Joseph: 608 - Mr. Ralph Reynolds

Parkview: S-108 Mrs. Helen Sheerin

S-116 Mrs. Betty Kummer

S-121 Mrs. Jane Wambach

FUNERAL OF MEMBER BY PASTOR:

Mrs. Mary LaPointe who had been a member since 1927, died on Monday, October 1. Her funeral service was held on October 3, 1973. Sympathy is extended to her sons and family.

THANK YOU LETTER FOR GIFT OF BIBLE FROM
EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

To my dear friends the children.

Thank you for the new translation of the new Testament. As I read the life and teachings of Jesus and His Disciples, I shall feel you sitting with me. Each of you is so precious to me and I thank you again.

May God bless you always.

Mrs. Gerrard



The children's program during Divine Worship has been bringing some exclamations. The children's Sermonettes are followed by correlated activities and talking. The participation by young children last Sunday surprised the leaders. During September, Mrs. Bixenman assisted by Sue McLean and Judy Aker worked with the younger group and Peggy Buskirk assisted by Norma Andrew and Lois Finkhousen with the 2nd and 4th graders. Mrs. Bixenman and Mrs. Buskirk are working this program regularly with staff assisting for a month at a time.

Our Children's Choir not only sang for worship last Sunday, but is learning music to share in the Fort Wayne Children's Choir Festival. Rehearsal is each week during the Family Night program.

PAPER SALE SCHEDULED

Save newspapers now for the Chi Rho Paper Drive which is scheduled for Saturday, October 27. The youth will appreciate your holding on to papers and either bringing them that week to the building or to call for pick up.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP STARTS AGAIN

All men are invited to share in breakfast, a short tape followed by discussion, and prayer this Saturday at 7:30 A.M.

CONGREGATIONAL ACTION:

The congregation approved the prior Board action to take up to \$5,000 from the Building and Equipment Fund for the boiler replacement and plumbing repairs.

CHURCH NIGHT PROGRAM EACH THURSDAY

TONIGHT, OCTOBER 4 -

5:30 P.M. - Served meal at \$1.25 for adults, 75¢ for children, or \$4.00 family maximum.

All Evening - Staffed Child care for babies thru age 4 in rooms 235-236.

STORY HOUR for Kindergartners and Grade 1 in Rm 131, and grades 2 & 3 in Rm 133. Study & reading in Rm 230.

6:30 P.M. - Junior Disciples (Gr. 4-6) Rm. 130
Youth Choir rehearsal (Gr. 7-12) Rm. 321

Education Committee - Rm 301

Property Committee - Room 330

Evangelism Committee - Room 331

Worship Committee - Rm 332

Membership Committee - Rm 333

Movies for adults not on committees in Chapel - Rm 220 (Gr. 4-6)

7:40 P.M. Children's Choir - Rm 333

Chi Rho Fellowship (Gr. 7-9) Rm. 330

CYF (Gr. 10-12) - Rm 332

Chancel Choir - Rm 321

D & D Training - Rm 231

N. T. Bible Study Group - Rm 130

Elders meeting - Rm 120

MEAL SERVING SCHEDULE

Sept. 20, O.M.S. Class

Sept. 27 - Wed. Night Sharing Group & Higdon Group

Oct. 4 - Nelson Group

Oct. 11 - (Will your group offer?)

Oct. 18 - Chancel Choir

Oct. 25 - Rivera Group

Nov. 1 - (Still needing help)

Nov 8 - (Last Vacancy)

Nov 15 - '58 Class

COMING SPECIAL NIGHTS

Oct. 11 - October Church Board

Oct. 18 - General Assembly Preview

Oct. 25 - Elders, deacons, deaconesses,

Nov. 1 - Functional Committees

Nov. 8 - Church Board

Nov 15 - Semi-Annual Congregational Dinner



Special envelopes for the RECONCILIATION Offering will be available Sunday in the pew holders. Giving in these envelopes plus the total Church School offering for the say will go for this program of the Christian Church.

One-half of the Indiana money remains with in our state for programs of healing and help to the hurting segments of our society. The other half is used on projects across the nation. For years we have supported the Week of Compassion for world needs of relief, rehabilitation, and need. Reconciliation is a program to do this in our own land. Although our Christian Churches have been doing work through this funding for four years, this is the first time that First Christian of Fort Wayne has given actual financial support.

The Change-Through-Involvement program in our community is a result of a Reconciliation effort in St. Louis which initiated this kind of ministry. Several years ago the Clines were aware of Reconciliation money being used in Atlanta, Ga. to start a literacy program which sparked a governmental program to continue this needed help.

Reconciliation



FAMILY CAMP OUT

The last Family Camp Out of the year will be held this week end, October 5, 6, 7, at Barbee Christian Camp. The camp-out will open with the evening meal on Friday, which will be a pot-luck, with everyone bringing food enough for their own family. We will plan to eat between 6:30 & 7:00 that evening, to give everyone a chance to get to Barbee.

This camp is especially designed to allow persons who do not have camping equipment to fellowship with those who do, as it is possible to sleep in the cabins. We can also use the kitchen and dining Hall for meals, so all one really needs to bring is bedding, towels, soap, table service, and food.

A planned menu is being sent to all who are known to be going on this camp out. The plan is for each family to bring food to prepare the planned menu, enough for their family, but to be prepared together. If you want a menu and do not have one, call Miriam Bixenman at the church office or Russell Wortley (747-0905). A total cost of \$15.00 for the entire camp out will be divided and pro-rated among those camping. If you cannot come for the entire time, plan to come for any portion of the time and bring food accordingly.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

CYF will be having a planning retreat in connection with the family camp-out at Barbee this Friday-Sunday, October 5-7. Cost will be 25¢ plus your own food. If you cannot come for the entire time, please plan to come on Saturday, as this is the time we will be using for planning.

Please let Doyle and April Hardy (447-9122) know if you plan to go.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INSTITUTE

There will be an institute for all who work in the field of Christian Education this Sunday afternoon, October 7, from 3:00 - 9:00 P.M. at the Gas City Christian Church. This institute is also for all interested in working as teachers or sponsors, or who are currently on leave from such responsibility, as well as those not working in this area.

Age level groups will include: pre-school, elementary, youth, and adult, and interest groups will include: family life, short term educational opportunities, open class room concept, Bible study, and alternates to Sunday Morning Education. Each registrant will be able to pick one from each grouping. Mrs. Bixenman will be giving leadership in the area of youth and also in family life.

Registration fee is \$2.50, which expense will be borne by our education committee. Please notify Miriam Bixenman by Friday noon if you plan to go. She will be going and can take 4 or 5 more. Other transportation can also be secured.

CHURCH CALENDAR (Continued from Page 1)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

5:30 - Church Family Night including
October Church Board Meeting.

7:30 P.M. - Brummel Group with Mrs.
Jeanne Gerow, 4701 South Wayne Ave.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

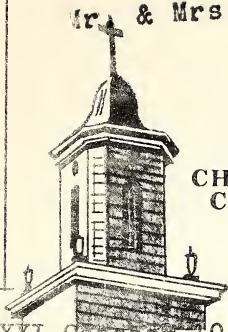
9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. D & D Training
Retreat.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:00 A.M. D & D Retreat for the
Team

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

Sermon: "A Ministry Shared by
All"

II Cor. 2:14-3:11; 5:8-21;

Eph. 4:11-16

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

12:00 Noon CWF to Emily Flinn
Home in Marion

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:00 P.M. Prayer Chain for
D & D Weekend Begins

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

5:30 P.M. Family Night

6:00 P.M. Prayer Chain Ends

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY,

OCTOBER 19, 20, & 21

Experiment in Discipline &
Discovery (see schedule on
page three)

PANTRY NEEDS: FRUIT JUICES
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SOAP PRODUCTS



"THE WEEK OF THE MINISTRY"

October 14-21, 1973

"All ministry in the church is a gift from Jesus Christ. The meaning and mandate of this ministry are found in him, for he is the chief minister, the great high priest, of the entire people of God. Through the action of the Holy Spirit, his ministry of reconciling, healing, teaching, and serving is the basis of all ministries. He came to serve. The normative pattern for all Christian ministry is his exemplary life and servanthood.

"The essential ministry of Christ is exercised through the church in its celebration, witness, service, and action in reconciling the world to God. All members of the church--children, youth, men, and women--are grafted into the people of God and commission for their ministry by baptism."

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SERVING OCTOBER 14

Elders

8:15 A.M. Ben Taylor and
William Schilling

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and
Hugh Rice

7:00 P.M. George Davis

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Gump, S. Cole,

W. Bowen, A.E. Huddleston

10:45 A.M. J. Zimmerman, J.

Hechler, H. Stevenson, O.

McDougle, B. Lehman, R. Johnson,

T. Knuckles, R. Ogles

Deaconesses

Margarite Quinn and Genevieve

Ripple

Ushers

8:15 A.M. D. Olson, M. Olson,

G. Hunt, G. VanWagner, L. Chasar,

G. Bruckman

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen, T.

Weirick, R. Chevalier, J. Kirsch,

C. McDougle, A. Cook

Coffee Hour Hostess

Barbara Taylor

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 240 Leslie Futterer

569 Mrs. Zoa Jordan

Ralph Church (surgery 10/9)

St. Joseph: 608 Ralph Reynolds

450 David Hogg

Parkview: S116 Mrs. Betty Kummer

S121 Mrs. Jane Wambach

S108 Mrs. Helen Sheerin

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To the family of Albert Coil in his death last week. He had preached at Aboite and helped in the life of First Christian as well as other churches in the area.

DISCOVERY WEEKEND - OCTOBER 19-21

SURPRISE VISITORS IN WORSHIP

Rev. and Mrs. Barton Johnson shared in our Divine Worship on World Communion Sunday. They are residing at 3908 Lou Dr., Erlanger, Ky. We rejoiced in their presence with us.

Rev. and Mrs. Keith Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Lora Trout were guests during our Celebration Worship on Sunday evening. The Halls had served as missionaries to India for many years and are now serving our church at Van Buren, Indiana.

SEPTEMBER AVERAGES

Church Worship	323
Church School	166
Budget Giving	\$1,575.79
Appeal Giving	200.38

PRAY FOR THOSE SHARING WITH OTHERS

Going from our congregation to the First Presbyterian Church, Huron, Ohio, are the following persons who need our prayer support: Ray, Sharon & Diane Fredericks, Val Williams, Nancy, Wortley, Rosemary Krull, and Doug Allen. Ray is coordinating this Lay Witness Mission. Pray that love and faith might be channeled through their lives.

BRING FOOD FOR PANTRY

Our Pantry shelves have been very low on food recently. We would encourage regular bringing of food. Calls for need have caused Pantry chairpersons to buy needed foodstuffs. We need a constant supply for this ministry. Bring something when you come to church. The boxes are constantly available in Fellowship Hall.

GIFTS FOR EMILY FLINN HOME

Boxes will be available at the entrances for gifts to be taken to the Home by the CWF on October 16.

AN EXPERIMENT IN DISCIPLINE AND DISCOVERY

PREPARATION TRAINING AND RETREAT: For the past five weeks 60 persons of our congregation have been involved in weekly training sessions and individual experimenting with personal Christian disciplines of prayer, obedience to Scripture, fellowship, witness, and giving. They are finding discoveries and the working of God. Admittedly, they are having struggles and do not have all answers. Sometimes, failure has been teaching the greatest lessons.

Out of this experimentation and the Retreat which is this Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., these persons will be leading our Discovery Weekend.

DISCOVERY WEEKEND - OCTOBER 19-21 - THEME: "PUTTING GOD FIRST"

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:30 P.M.--All Church Pitch-In Meal and Opening Program
"PUTTING GOD FIRST--WHAT IT MEANS"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00 A.M.--Men and Boys served Breakfast and Program
Some are seeking to round up 100 MALES for the occasion!
10:00 A.M.--20 Coffees for Adults and 3 Youth Coke Parties
"PUTTING GOD FIRST--CONFESSING MY NEED"

12:00 Noon--Women and Girls Salad Luncheon
The FEMALES have their chance together.

7:30 P.M.--Evening Session "PUTTING GOD FIRST--FACING THE DECISION"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:15 A.M.--MEDITATIVE WORSHIP--Two lay speakers leading in a service of witness, challenge & commitment
9:30 A.M.--CHURCH SCHOOL--Team members will lead all classes for Youth and Adults "PUTTING GOD FIRST--MY PERSONAL JOURNEY"
10:45 A.M.--DIVINE WORSHIP--Two lay speakers in our regular Sunday Service
7:00 P.M.--CATACOMB WORSHIP in Fellowship Hall to recapture the thoughts and feelings and experiences of early Christians with a single candle for light and appropriate responses of song, verse, witness, and prayer climaxed with Holy Communion.

THE PURPOSE OF OUR EXPERIMENT IN DISCIPLINE AND DISCOVERY

We as persons must find our lives in commitment to Jesus Christ and must grow in what this means for living in today's world. The truth of God must continually be brought into an understandable and meaningful relationship with life. These needs call for experimentation and growth.

Discipline is a part of any serious growth. We are thinking of discipline as focusing life upon God rather than any form of correction or punishment. Out of experimentation and discipline can emerge the discoveries of what God can and will do in each of us. Give it a try!

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Church Loyalty Month and World Wide Communion Sunday are behind us. We are now into the heart of our fall program. The special all-church retreat called Discovery Weekend of our Experiment in Discipline and Discovery is just a week away. This has been scheduled and publicized since May and thus all should have calendars freed and ready to give it a try. Several opportunities are being afforded our people.

1. Fellowship--This weekend will provide for getting acquainted and related to many of our church fellowship.

2. Prayer--In addition to the Chain of Prayer next week, prayer in behalf of the weekend is sought for within our homes and personal lives. There is a challenge to grow in prayer.

3. Challenge--The theme of the weekend--"PUTTING GOD FIRST"--calls us to evaluate and reaffirm our basic relationship with God. Our concern is to hear God's call upon our lives for the here and now.

4. Experimentation--One of the challenges of the weekend will be for any and all members of the church to take advantage of a 30-day experiment immediately following our Discovery Weekend.

As we come to this highlight in our church life, no one knows just what to expect. No one has the answer. The crux of the matter will be our openness to God and to each other in this Weekend of interrelationship within our own congregation. Growth and joy in our Christian lives is the anticipated result.

Harold E. Cline

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL INVOLVED
IN PREPARATION FOR
D & D

Prayer Committee

Assisting Dean and Elsie Widler are Larry and Cheri Barnes, Tom and Marilyn Frappier, Andy and Joyce Crowe, and Barbara Schrock.

Men's Breakfast

Russ Wortley is chairing this assisted by the pastor.

Welcome Committee

Robert and Marilyn Rayl are chairpersons.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

5:30 P.M. Team Meeting
6:30 P.M. Pitch-In Meal and
Opening Program for D & D

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00 A.M. Men & Boys Breakfast
8:30 A.M. Team Meeting
10:00 A.M. Coffees & Coke Parties
(see page 3 for places)
12:30 P.M. Women & Girls Luncheon
7:30 P.M. All Church Session
D & D

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:30 A.M. Team Meeting
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
7:00 P.M. Catacomb Worship in
Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:30 P.M. Follow-Up Committee
D & D

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00 P.M. All Church Roller Skat-
ing Party sponsored by the 58
Class at Roller Dome South

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

6:30 P.M. CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT

PANTRY NEEDS: CEREALS
FRUIT JUICES
POWDERED MILK

"PUT GOD FIRST"

The theme for this weekend in our church needs first to be the basis of taking the time and effort to share all sessions of our Discovery Weekend. We have people hurrying here there and yonder every weekend, but we believe this is one to be given for this in-church-retreat.

All sessions are open. Special attention should be given to Friday night with dinner at 6:30 and the program starting by 7:30 P.M. All should feel invited to a coffee for adults or a coke party for the youth Saturday at 10:00.

Something special comes for the men and boys at 7:00 A.M. and for the women and girls at 12:30 P.M. on Saturday. All join together for the Saturday night session at 7:30 P.M.

Sunday brings a climax to the program at the morning worship hours and at Church School. The impact of the weekend will then be put together in the unique Catacomb Service at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday evening.

PUT GOD FIRST by coming, and then consider how to PUT GOD FIRST on a regular basis for discovery and growth.

SERVING OCTOBER 21

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Crouse and
Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Don Passwater and
Rolland Ripple

7:00 P.M. Larry Barnes

Deacons

8:15 A.M. F. Richardson, G.
Ludwig, J. Sauerwein, R. Urich

10:45 A.M. T. Frappier, D. Al-
len, R. Gerow, D. Pomeroy, E.

Allen, R. Cole, T. Ogles, H.
Helmuth

Deaconesses

Margarite Quinn and Genevieve
Ripple

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Ol-
son, M. Olson, G. Hunt, G. Van-
Wagner, L. Chasar

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen, T.
Weirick, R. Chevalier, J. Kir-
sch, C. McDougle, A. Cook

Coffee Hour Hostess

Helen Williams

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: ICU Leslie Futterer

565 Ralph Church

569 Zoa Jordan

St. Joseph: 608 Ralph Reynolds

Parkview: S108 Mrs. Helen

Sherrin

S121 Mrs. Jane Wambach

THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED:

"The family of Mary LaPointe gratefully acknowledges your kind expression of sympathy.

"The family of John L. Steigerwald acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy."

RESPONSE TO INVITATION:

JOHN M. OLSON, 4725 South Wayne identified with us in a transfer of membership from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Evanston, Illinois during Meditative Worship on Sunday. This step unites this home in our church family as "Mac" now stands with Betty and the three sons, Jeff, Doug, and Pat. He is a salesman for Bell and Howell in northern Indiana and a graduate of Michigan State Univ.

MORE COMMITTEE & HELP FOR D & D

Welcome Committee: Assisting Bob & Marilyn Rayl are Harold & Colyn Crowder, Gene & Ruth Ann Bozarth, Glenn & Lola Miller, Virgil & Bernice Montgomery, Mac & Betty Olson.

Attendance Committee: Assisting Hugh Rice are Floyd & Jennie Morrical, Merle & Betty Grimm, Don & Barbara Short, Andy & Joyce Crowe, & Bruce Lehman.

FOOD HELP: Working under the chairwomen Deanna Ruble & Judy Aker are:

Retreat Lunch: Nancy Terry, Esther Whitton, Grace Truby, Maude Donohue, Bernice Montgomery, Betty Grimm, Margaret Jenkins, & Kathlyn Banet.

Friday Dinner: Frances Eckert, Gladys Hoop, Reba Fusselman, Ruth Yentes, Mary Cook, Lois Finkhousen, Sue Knuckles, Delores Overmyer, Vee Parlette

Saturday Luncheon: Harold Cline, Doyle Hardy, Earl Fusselman, Hugh Rice, Rufus Quinn, Delmas Young, Ernest Kattas

Men's Breakfast Committee: Assisting Russ Wortley are: Harold Cline, George Davis, Max Finkhousen, Ed Allen, Bob Urich, Ron Aker, Merle Grimm, Jim Heiney, Tom Weirick, Bob Johnson, and Jim Taylor

DISCOVERY WEEKEND OF AN EXPERIMENT IN DISCIPLINE AND DISCOVERY

OCTOBER 19-21, 1973 - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FORT WAYNE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

5:30 P.M. - Team Meeting for Prayer and Preparation

6:30 P.M. - ALL CHURCH DINNER--Pitch-In Meal with table service, rolls and drink furnished. Bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert if single adult; bring a covered dish for a small family, bring a main meat dish and salad, vegetable, or dessert if family of four or more.

Opening Session will follow with both total group program and small group sessions - "PUTTING GOD FIRST--WHAT IT MEANS"

Child Care will be provided from 5:30 to 10:00 P.M. Grades 1 to 6 program from 8:00 to 10:00 (with parents until that time.)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00 A.M. - MEN AND BOYS BREAKFAST--Tickets are available @75¢. We are expecting 100 men and boys of Grade 7 and above.

8:30 A.M. - Team Meeting for Prayer and Preparation

10:00 A.M. - COFFEES AND COKE PARTIES FOR ALL "PUTTING GOD FIRST--CONFESSING MY NEED"

ADULTS: Mr. & Mrs. Earl Snouffer, 9211 Covington Road

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Petty, 3721 Kirkwood

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Crowe, 4727 Innsbruck

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Terry, 3919 Robinwood

Mrs. Peggy Buskirk, 4430 Wilmette

Mr. & Mrs. George Davis, 4610 Hessen Cassel

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Taulbee, 7225 Selkirk

Mr. & Mrs. Herb Banet, 933 W. Oakdale

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Jenkins, 4720 Beaver

Mr. & Mrs. Dean Widler, 553 Candlelite Ct.

Mrs. Florence Palmer, 2626 Wells St.

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Place, Sr., 3321 Elmhurst

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Crowder, 1024 Olympia

Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Norman, 9204 Greenleaf

COLLEGE & CAREER COKE PARTY Jim Taylor, 5215 Werling

CYF COKE PARTY Lee Ann & Bill Urich, 3315 Ivy League

CHI RHO COKE PARTY Dawn & Denise Schrock, 7528 Breckenwood

12:30 P.M. WOMEN & GIRLS SALAD LUNCHEON--Luncheon with a salad brought for each two persons--bring a salad and a guest. Girls of Grade 7 and above.

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DISCOVERY WEEKEND (from page three)

7:30 P.M. ALL CHURCH SESSION for singing, program and small groups.
"PUTTING GOD FIRST--MY PERSONAL JOURNEY" Child care --
6:30 - 10:00 P.M., Elementary Children's Program 8:00 to 10:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:30 A.M. Team Meeting for Prayer and Preparation
8:15 A.M. MEDITATIVE WORSHIP Dean Widler and Ruby Cline speaking
9:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL - Team members will lead all youth and adult classes "PUTTING GOD FIRST--FACING THE DECISION"
10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP Ray Fredericks and Jim Ruble speaking
7:00 P.M. CATACOMB WORSHIP in Fellowship Hall to recapture the thoughts, feelings, and experiences of early Christians with candlelight and appropriate sharing of song, verse, witness, and prayer climaxed with Holy Communion.

AN EXPERIMENT IN DISCIPLINE AND DISCOVERY

PHASE ONE -- Team Training and Preparation -- September 9 to October 18. This is drawing to a close.

PHASE TWO -- Discovery Weekend October 19-21 -- This is on our doorstep. Come for this in-church-retreat experience on the theme, "PUTTING GOD FIRST"

PHASE THREE -- Follow-Up groups experimenting with five disciplines for personal discoveries. Sign-up for these groups comes during Discovery Weekend. Groups will meet between October 28 and November 30.

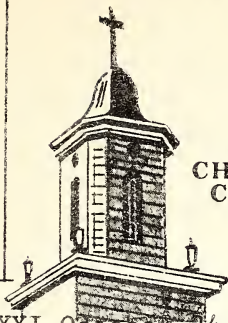
LABELS FOR UNICEF

Not only will our children and youth collect for UNICEF this Halloween, but we are asking each of you to help by saving certain labels which will, through the companies manufacturing the products, provide additional funds for food and medicine for children around the world. There will be boxes placed at each of our doors for deposit of your labels. Labels to be saved include:

Blue Bonnet Margerine (the large picture of Blue Bonnet Sue)
Chocks, Bugs Bunney or Flintstones Brand Vitamins (front panel)
Dentyne and Trident Gum Wrappers or Val-U pack wrappers
Kool Aid Brand soft drink mix (entire envelope)
Royal Desserts (front panel)
Welch's Jams, Jellies, Preserves (label)

Bring labels to the church by November 15.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:30 A.M. Chi Rho Youth at church
for paper drive

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
4:00 P.M. UNICEF Collection and
party

5:30 P.M. D & D Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:00 P.M. D & D Group

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

12:00 Noon D & D Group

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:30 P.M. D & D Group

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

5:30 P.M. Family Night

7:40 P.M. D & D Group

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

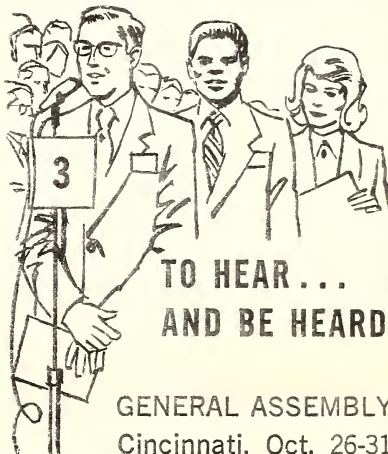
10:00 A.M. D & D Group

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:00 A.M. D & D Group

PANTRY NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK
CANNED FRUIT
CANNED VEGETABLES



Voting delegates from our congregation include Merle Grimm, Merle Rice, Miriam Bixenman, and Harold Cline. Also attending are Betty Grimm, Dorothy Ikenberry, Val Williams, Doyle and April Hardy and Chad and Ruby Cline. Others would be welcome for part or all of the General Assembly.

Program highlights include Philip Potter, new head of World Council; Fred Craddock for five Bible lectures; William S. Coffin of Yale, James Glasse, Mrs. James Wyker, and Ronald Osborn. Moderator Walter D. Bingham will preach in the opening session and preside at all business

On the business agenda, Kenneth L. Teegarden is to be voted on as the new general minister and pres-(continued on page four)

SERVING OCTOBER 28

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Schilling
and Robert Rayl

10:45 A.M. William Franklin
and Andrew Cook

7:00 P.M. Earl Plummer

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Aker, R. Hendricks, J. Taylor, L.A. Horn

10:45 A.M. D. Weaver, C. Hetrick, W. Koehlinger, D. Young, D. Short, R. Clifton, V. Moore, R. Petty

Deaconesses

Margarite Quinn and Genevieve Ripple

Ushers

8:15 A.M. D. Olson, M. Olson, G. Hunt, G. VanWagner, L. Chassar, G. Bruckman

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen, T. Weirick, R. Chevalier, J. Kirsch, C. McDougale, A. Cook

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: ICU Leslie Futterer
569 Mrs. Zoa Jordan

M-206 Mr. Ed Hall

871 Miss Pamela Impton

St. Joseph: 227 Mrs. Nita
Wilson

Parkview: 335 William Aaron
S108 Mrs. Helen Sheerin

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

John Thomas Rodgers and Sallie Louise Berry on October 18, 1973. They are residing at 5004 Madiera Drive, Apt. G, 05, 749-9749.

CAN YOU HELP?? The Rivera Group is having a Garage Sale to benefit their mission project. Items for sale may be donated (no clothing please). Call Sara Davis.

MUCH RESPONSE AT INVITATION

Many persons shared in a spirit of renewal and rededication of life during both Worship hours last Sunday morning. This response reflected the impact of Discovery weekend. Three made decisions which reflect new relationships with Christ or our church.

MR. and MRS. MELVIN L. McNAMEE,

122 E. Wildwood Drive, 06, 456-3705, reidentified with our congregation in a transfer of membership from First Presbyterian Church. Mac and Tilley have shared deeply in our life in recent weeks. She is an Interior Decorator and he is in sales at Fortmeyers.

MELANIE BAUGHER, daughter of Rocky and Lee Baugher, 3002 Thompson, 07, 456-3128, came forward and knelt. This was expressing her decision to accept Christ as Lord of life. She will be making her public verbal confession and share in baptism in a couple of weeks. Melanie is a ninth grader at Fairfield Junior High. Melanie has shared in her mother's renewed life in the church in recent weeks and had shared in the whole of Discovery weekend.

We rejoice in each and every one making some public decision as well as those who made major private decisions opening life to a closer walk with the Lord!

THANK YOU

Dear Friends at First Christian:

I just want to thank you all for your prayers, cards, and love you showed me while I was in the hospital. Thank you to Dr. Cline and Doyle for visiting me.

Sincerely,
Bill Benny

UNICEF PARTY

Next Sunday is the day for our annual UNICEF collection and children's party. Time of collection is 4:00 P.M. for our boys and girls. Two children on each team will be accompanied by an older youth/adult as they collect right here in a neighborhood close to the church. Children are asked to come at 4:00 dressed in costume (there will be prizes later), ready to go collecting. All collectors will be brought back to the church by 5:30 and will enjoy a Halloween party from 5:30 to 6:30 in Fellowship Hall. CYF members are planning a party for the children. Both Chi Rho and Junior Disciples are invited to come and collect, or assist and those in grades 1-3 are also invited to come and collect and enjoy the party. Ben and Val Taylor, Delores Keebortz, Barbara Schrock, and Peg Buskirk are working with the youth and children for this special event.

WHAT IS UNICEF, you ask and how does it work? UNICEF means the United Nations International Emergency Fund. Several statements may help you fully understand. UNICEF is children, not governments. UNICEF gives necessary supplies, equipment, and training, not dollars. UNICEF considers a child's needs, not his race, religion, or politics. UNICEF helps the developing countries, not developed countries. Please welcome whatever small (or older) witches and goblins come to your door in behalf of UNICEF. Also, continue to save labels and deposit them in the large envelopes on the bulletin boards

CYF REGIONAL FALL EVENT

The CYF Regional Fall Event will be held November 9-10, at Northwood Christian Church, Indianapolis. The event begins at 7:00 P.M. on Friday and ends at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday. This will be a Celebration Worship Workshop, with many, many different workshops to choose from, culminating in a celebration created out of our workshop experience. The cost is \$5.00, with \$2.50 of this paid by our church. Registrations and your \$2.50 must be in to Mrs. Bixenman or Mrs. Short in the church office by this Sunday, October 28. Lodging will be in the homes of the congregation of the Northwood Church. Barbara Short, Doyle and April Hardy, and Miriam Bixenman of our congregation will be leading workshops. When registering, CYFers must indicate preferences of workshops. Watch your mail this week for a letter giving full details of all workshops.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE - OCTOBER 27
PLEASE BRING YOUR PAPERS TO THE CHURCH BEFORE 9:00 A.M. CHI RHO PEOPLE BE AT THE CHURCH SATURDAY AT 8:30. WE WILL GO TO FOSTER PARK FROM THE CHURCH FOR A PICNIC AFTER THE PAPER DRIVE. Cost of the PICNIC is 50¢. Parents may pick up youth at the church at 3:00 P.M.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY ITEMS NEEDED

Boxes are at the church side entrances for baby layettes and sewing kits for World Community Day, November 2. These items should be in by October 31. Money can be given to Val Taylor or Colyn Crowder.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY from page one
ident replacing A. Dale Fiers.
Many resolutions, controversial
and otherwise are up for con-
sideration. Notice this
important basis: "A resolution
is an expression of the General
Assembly concerning a moral, et-
hical or religious matter con-
fronting the church, the nation,
or the world. Adoption of a
resolution must represent agree-
ment by a majority of the Gen-
eral Assembly that the convic-
tion or view expressed is based
on Christian witness to Jesus
Christ. Resolutions are devel-
oped for the guidance of the
Christian Church in its program
operation, for the consideration
of the congregations and members
of the Christian Church, and for
a Christian witness to the world.
The text of a proposed resolu-
tion should be so phrased as not
to bring into question the Ch-
ristian Commitment of those who
do not agree."

Dr. Cline is serving as a
microphone monitor for the bus-
iness sessions and is slated to
preach at Inspirational Baptist
Church on Sunday morning as a
part of Disciples sharing the
various pulpits in the Cin-
cinnati area. His participation
on General Board in July helped
to prepare the business agenda.

The pastor will be on call
for emergencies during the As-
sembly because of the close pro-
ximity. Contact the church of-
fice during office hours or the
Cline home, 747-6587 or Barbara
Short, Receptionist-Secretary,
443-7903 at other times.

PHASE THREE OF AN EXPERIMENT IN DISCIPLINE AND DISCOVERY

The Follow-Through Committee is
announcing this schedule based upon
commitments received for the 30 day
Experiment from Oct. 28 to Nov. 30.

Sundays: 5:30 P.M. -- Two groups
Mondays: 7:00 P.M.
Tuesdays: 12:00 Noon
Wednesdays: 7:30 P.M.
Thursdays: 7:40 P.M.
Fridays: 10:00 A.M.
Saturdays: 7:00 A.M.

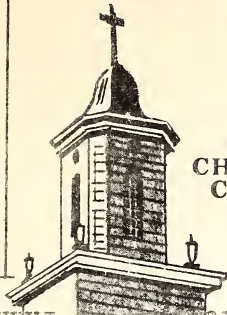
The groups are open for more parti-
cipats to commit themselves for the
five sessions, starting October 28.

Our weekend was highlighted by
the three worships on Sunday. The
morning hours heard tremendous wit-
ness by four of our lay persons.
The evening had a relaxed, joyous,
and affirming quality. 50 men en-
joyed the Saturday breakfast (FOR
SURE: 20 lbs. of ham, 9 dozen eggs
and 150 biscuits) and 75 women sha-
red the luncheon.

Thanks is expressed to all for
training, for telephoning and host-
ing, for preparations and plans,
and for participation. Discovery
and growth seemed to character-
ize persons in proportion to invol-
vement. We rejoice in what has oc-
cured to date and now press on to
involve others in this final effort
of discovery through experimenting
with the basic Christian discip-
lines of prayer, obedience to the
Word, fellowship, sharing, and giv-
ing.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:00 A.M. D & D Group (breakfast)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

5:30 P.M. D & D Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:00 P.M. D & D Group

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

12:00 Noon D & D Group

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Gretchen
Chamberlain, 2903 Capitol

7:30 P.M. D & D Group

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

5:30 P.M. Family Night

6:30 P.M. Board Meeting

7:40 P.M. D & D Group

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

10:00 A.M. D & D Group

5:00 P.M. State CYF Event in
Indianapolis



Thanksgiving is one of the dominant notes of worship at any season, but especially during November when we move toward Thanksgiving Day. We desire to highlight and strengthen our giving to THE PANTRY during all of our worships this month. We will have a large cornucopis in our Chancel. We will dramatize our giving for the Pantry by bringing food items throughout the month during Offertory. This underscores that our Pantry giving and ministry is an expression of love for God and its corollary, love for fellow men.

Our Pantry has averaged emergency food help for one family per day since its inception in February, 1972.

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PANTRY NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT
CANNED VEGETABLES

SERVING NOVEMBER 4

Elders

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and
William Franklin

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and
David Griggs

7:00 P.M. William Crouse

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Gump, S. Cole,
W. Bowen, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. J. Zimmerman, J.
Hechler, H. Stevenson, O. Mc-
Dougle, A.E. Huddleston, R.
Johnson, T. Knuckles, R. Ogles

Deaconesses

Sharon Fredericks and Mary Cook

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. VanWagner, D.
Smith, G. Hunt, M. Olson, C.
Cline, G. Bruckman

10:45 A.M. M. Gardner, G.
Bozarth, H. Stevenson, M.
Byers, B. Urich, A. Cook

Communion to Homebound

George Davis and Robert Hendricks

Coffee Hour Hostess

Margarite Quinn

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: ICU Leslie Futterer
569 Mrs. Zoa Jordan
326 Miss Fay Woodhull
871 Miss Pam Impton

Parkview:

S108 Mrs. Helen Sherrin

THANK YOU

"I want to thank everyone for
all of their prayers, thoughts
and concern for me during my re-
cent surgery."

Ralph Church

PRAY FOR THOSE GOING THIS WEEKEND

Andrea Benny and Marge Lehman
are serving on a Lay Witness Mis-
sion Team this weekend at Faith
Community Church in Detroit, Mich-
igan with John and Ann Griffioen
as coordinators.

Schellie Schell and Debbie Nord-
blom are serving on a team for a
Faith at Work Conference in Cen-
tral Christian Church in Elkhart
this weekend. It is being led by
Gene Herr. Pray for these who go
to share love and faith.

FUNERAL BY PASTOR

David Hogg, a member since 1956,
on October 26, 1973. He served 12
years as an elder and 14 years as
a trustee in our church and had
been a leader and servant in the
church, politics, business, and
legal profession beyond us.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends at First Christian:

We wish to thank Dr. Cline and
Mr. Hardy for their frequent
visits to us when we were in the
hospital and for all the cards,
telephone calls and numerous home
visits. This has been delayed
somewhat because Mr. Speicher had
a second stroke (since we have
been home) about three weeks ago.
He persuaded the doctor to treat
him at home instead of hospitaliz-
ing him a second time. The left
side was affected this time. He
has again regained the strength of
his left hand, etc.

Again, thank you all for the
thoughtful cards and calls. We
hope to see you again in church
when we are able.

Charles & Pauline Speicher

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHTS EACH THURSDAY NIGHT

5:30 P.M. Served meal--\$1.25 for adults; 75¢ for children 12 and under; and \$4.00 maximum per family.

6:30 P.M. Child Care for younger children all evening in rooms 235 & 236; Story Hour for Kindergarten & 1st Graders and also for 2nd & 3rd Graders; Junior Disciples for 4-6th Graders; Youth Choir for 7-12th Graders. The East Parlor is open all evening for a Study Room.

7:30 P.M. Story Hours continues; Children's Choir rehearsal for 4-6 grades; Chi Rho Fellowship for 7-9th graders; C.Y.F. for 10-12th graders; Chancel Choir and New Testament Bible Study for Adults.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMING:

November 1 - Tonight - Functional Committees at 6:30 P.M.

--Education - Room 301

--Christian Action & Community Service - Room 300

--World Outreach - Room 200

--Information Services - Room 201

--Property - Room 330

--Evangelism - Room 331

--Worship - Room 332

--Stewardship-Finance - Room 231

7:30 P.M. - Church Cabinet Meeting in Room 120

November 8 - 6:30 P.M. - Regular November Church Board Meeting

November 15 - SEMI ANNUAL ALL CHURCH DINNER - Introduction of new members, Homebound persons brought if able to be out at all; SPECIAL PROGRAM.

RIVERA GROUP GARAGE SALE-NOVEMBER

9-10 - 4610 Hessen Cassel

Donations may be given to Sara Davis before November 8

NEW COMMUNION PROGRAM FOR HOMEBOUND OR HOSPITALIZED PERSONS

The Elders are initiating a regular sharing of communion on the first and third Sundays of each month during the Sunday morning hours. They are starting with two who have requested communion between 9:00 and 10:30 A.M. on the 4th. Please notify the office if you desire communion to be brought to the home or to the hospital. This is available for all members and friends of the church who desire it. George Davis and Robert Hendricks will be serving on the 4th and Ben Taylor and Robert Johnson will be serving on the 18th of November.

We rejoice in taking communion out on a regular basis. We consider it our privilege to serve to those who will make known their request to us if homebound or sick or hospitalized.

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Our Crib Room, our 2 & 3 Year Old Room and our Kindergarten Room--all have bright, new, red wall-to-wall carpeting. There are also new housekeeping toys in the Kindergarten Room. These improvements for our children came through a generous special gift which was anonymously given to the church. We appreciate this improvement in facility, appearance, and ease of upkeep. Thanks so much!

THE PANTRY (from page one)

Help is given only to referrals to us by welfare social workers. Monetary gifts for Pantry supplies may be in an envelope and marked "The Pantry". "Care for the World" by supplying food for cases of need.

NURSERY PROMOTION POLICY

From time to time there continues to be questions concerning when children are to be promoted from the Crib and Toddler Room into the 2 & 3 Year Old Nursery. The policy of the Christian Education Committee is that no child is to be promoted into the 2 & 3 Year Old Nursery on any Sunday except regularly designated times. Children who are two before the current October 1 will be promoted into the 2 & 3 Year Old Nursery the Sunday following Labor Day. Those not two by October 1, but who are two before February 1, may be promoted the first Sunday in January. We urge that you not ask that younger children than this come into the 2 & 3 year old department or that your child be allowed to change from the Crib Room to this department on any other Sunday. The reason for this policy is that teaching takes place in the 2 & 3 Year room and it is very difficult if not impossible to carry on a teaching program if a new younger child comes in every few weeks who has not previously been in such a program. We ask your cooperation.

BOOK SALES AND DISPLAY TABLE

The consignment of books which we received at the time of our Discipline and Discovery Weekend is being held over until November 12 for your convenience. The tables are located on the south wall of Fellowship Hall. If you have not already done so, take a look. This is an opportunity for you to secure some of

THE NEW "DISCIPLE" MAGAZINE

Beginning January 1, the Christian Churches will enter a new era in publications. Beginning on that date, two of our former publications, THE CHRISTIAN and THE WORLD CALL will be combined into one publication known as THE DISCIPLE. THE DISCIPLE will be published 26 times a year, every two weeks. We will again be entering the plan whereby the magazine can be sent to your home. However, we do need to know if you wish to receive it. A list has been placed on the bulletin board outside the church office for you to sign up if you wish to receive this new publication. Please sign here or telephone the church office and let us know before November 19.

PICTURES ORDERED AND DISSATISFIED?

Some of our families have been quite disappointed in pictures received from those taken for our pictorial directory and for which they have paid for personal copies. In response to our inquiries, the company wishes that if you are dissatisfied with pictures to return them to the United Church Directories Office and include name of church, location and your order number if possible. Also include a brief explanation of what you feel is wrong with your picture.

Address is: United Church Directories, P. O. Box 507, Galion, Ohio, 44833.

the recent books at nominal cost. See Edna Nordblom, Dr. Cline, Miriam Bixenman, or Barbara Short to pay for your selections. There are also some older books, still good, which are to be taken without cost. Look them over!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 7:00 A.M. D & D Group
6:30 P.M. Place-Rinker Wedding

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Radio Broadcast
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

*Sermon: "A Witness to Universal
Baptism" Matthew 3:1-17; 28:18-
20; Acts 2:36-42; Romans 6:1-11*

- 5:30 P.M. D & D Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 7:00 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:00 P.M. D & D Group
7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Edna
Vaught, 4035 S. Fairfield

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 12:00 Noon D & D Group
1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Ethel
Birkhold, 221 W. Maple Grove

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 9:00 A.M. Rivera Group
7:30 P.M. D & D Group
7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Miriam
Bixenman, 1810 Chartwell

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 5:30 P.M. Semi-Annual Congrega-
tional Dinner

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Thanksgiving is a basic note of worship. Join in singing "All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love;" during our Sunday worships of November. Our 8:15 Service is taped for radio broadcast over WGL at 10:30 A.M. each Sunday for the sick and homebound. One aspect of our thanksgiving is the demonstration of giving to God through our Pantry Program. Bring foodstuffs to worship to place in our Thanksgiving cornucopia.

Our semi-annual congregational dinner will be a thanksgiving dinner served next Thursday the 15th. New members will be special guests. Singing and other program is planned for the evening. Reservations need to be in to the church office by Monday the 12th. Regular family night charges prevail even for this Turkey dinner.

Our neighborhood cluster musical thanksgiving worship will be Sunday evening, November 18th, at 7:30 P.M. in Christ United Methodist Church.

SERVING NOVEMBER 11

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Love and
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Andrew Cook and
Merle Rice

7:00 P.M. Earl Plummer

Deacons

8:15 A.M. F. Richardson, G.
Ludwig, J. Sauerwein, R. Urich

10:45 A.M. T. Frappier, D. Al-
len, R. Gerow, D. Pomeroy, E.
Allen, R. Cole, T. Ogles, H.
Helmuth

Deaconesses

Sharon Fredericks and Mary Cook

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. VanWagner, D.
Smith, G. Hunt, M Olson, C.
Cline, G. Bruckman

10:45 A.M. M. Gardner, G.
Bozarth, H. Stevenson, M. Byers,
B. Urich, A. Cook

Coffee Hour Hostess

Val Williams

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

St. Joseph: 327 Mr. Merle Rice

Lutheran: 326 Miss Fay Woodhull

668 Mr. Jack Phillips

669 Mr. Leslie Futterer

871 Miss Pam Impton

DEATHS IN MEMBERSHIP

Robert R. Sheets, a member since 1962, on October 26. Dr. Cline held services on October 29. Sympathy is extended to wife and family.

Debbie Dusing, a member since 1966, was found dead on October 28. Sympathy is extended to grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Likens, mother, Mrs. Juanita Dusing, and sister, Mrs. Cathy Caldwell.

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PASTOR PREACHING AT WALTON

Dr. Cline is speaking this Wednesday through Friday nights, the 7th through 9th at 7:30 P.M. for the Walton Christian Church south of Logansport, Indiana. Your prayers for this Mini-Revival are encouraged.

OCTOBER AVERAGES

Church Worship	364
Church School	155
Budget Giving	\$1,808.52
Appeal Giving	167.31

NEW MEMBERS DURING OCTOBER

Mr. John (Mac) Olson

Mr. Melvin McNamee

Mrs. Tillie McNamee

DEATHS IN MEMBERSHIP

Edna M. Campbell, a member since 1946, on October 29. Dr. Cline held services on November 1.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Charles Ludwig in the death of his brother-in-law, Robert Montross.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank Dr. Cline and the many friends at First Christian for their concern and helpfulness during the illness and passing of Mr. Hogg.

Mrs. David Hogg

OPEN CHURCH WEDDING

Deborah Marie Place and David Wayne Rinker will be united in marriage at 6:30 P.M. this Saturday, November 10 in our worship Nave. All are cordially invited. If unable to attend, your presence in thought and prayer is requested.

PANTRY NEEDS: SOUPS, POWDERED MILK
MAIN DISH DINNERS, SMALL GLASS
OR PLASTIC CONTAINERS.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF CHURCH BOARD ON OCTOBER 11, 1973

A recommendation from the Membership Committee to discontinue flowers at the time of death of members was defeated. The motion to encourage persons to sign up for the new publication, THE DISCIPLE, was passed. THE CHRISTIAN and THE WORLD CALL magazines are being merged into this new publication on January 1, 1974. We are asking families to sign up for the mailing of this new publication into the home. We desire to have it in every home which might benefit from its reading. Call the church office or sign on the bulletin board. The Membership Committee also announced that it is planning a special program for the semi-annual congregational dinner which will be held at 5:30 P.M. Thursday, November 15. This will be a turkey dinner prepared and served for all with reservations at the usual family night fee, \$1.25 for adults, 75¢ for children 12 and under, or a family maximum of \$4.00.

A recommendation of the Worship Committee for a Lenten drama, "Christ in the Concrete City" to be directed by Barbara Short was approved. A motion of endorsement for the licensing of Doyle Hardy by the Division of the Ministry of Indiana was recommended and approved.

The Elders announced a new program of Home Communion on a regular basis every other week, beginning November 4. It will be on a regular basis to any homebound requesting it and available for a particular Sunday for those in hospitals or sick.

The Property Committee announced that the boiler was installed and that complete maintenance instructions have been received. The Parlor is being repainted and new draperies installed in the next couple of months. The motion to have some exterior painting done this fall at a cost of \$445 was defeated because of the shortage of funds. After much discussion, approval was given for the installation of a basketball goal on the parking lot both for the youth of the church and of the neighborhood. The issue of pigeon control was tabled because of the high cost of the bid from Orkin. The Property Committee also announced the signing of a service contract for our boiler burners with Superior Fuel and the intention of having our roof checked because of some leaks.

The Evangelism Committee announced a calling effort on Mondays and Thursdays during November and December. They are anxious to hear from any willing to assist with calls.

The Education Committee reported the installation of carpeting in three rooms for younger children and toy furniture--all this was made possible by a special gift.

47 members and guests were present.

SIGN UP FOR NEW DISCIPLE MAGAZINE!

Don't forget to sign up on the list outside the church office if you want to receive the new publication, THE DISCIPLE. November 19 is the deadline for signing up to begin receiving the issues in January. THE DISCIPLE will be mailed to you at your home at no cost to you if you indicate your desire to receive it.

YOUTH TO REGIONAL CYF RETREAT

Seven of our youth and four adult leaders will be going to the Regional Fall CYF Retreat this weekend at Northwood Christian Church in Indianapolis. These include: Doug Allen, Val Williams, Schellie Schell, Melanie Tracey, Lee Urich, Debbie Nordblom, and Jim Taylor. The event will be a Celebration Worship Workshop and Doyle and April Hardy, Barbara Short, and Miriam Bixenman will be going as workshop leaders. The group will be leaving this church at 4:00 P.M. this Friday and returning Saturday evening.

ADULT SYMPOSIUM ON YOUTH

An Adult Symposium on Youth, sponsored by Youth for Christ, for all those who work with youth, will be held at First Baptist Church, 2323 Fairfield this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Charlie Shedd, nationally known leader will be the featured leader. There will be 18 Seminars on a wide variety of subjects. We invite our youth leaders to attend. You may register at the door or phone in to 423-9471.

NEW CYF COUNSELORS

Ron and Judy Aker and Russ and Nancy Wortley have agreed to serve as CYF counselors. They will be working with Doyle Hardy in CYF programming along with the youth.

PROTESTANT SERVICE AT ST. ANNES

Doyle Hardy will be leading a service this Sunday night at 7:00 P.M. at St. Anne's Nursing Home. Music leadership will also be supplied by our church for this ministry to those confined to this Nursing Home.

RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING

\$148.13 was the total amount received and transmitted this week for this ministry of healing within our society.

OMISSION IN ANNUAL REPORT

We hope that all will become better informed through the two year Annual Report which was mailed last week. In copying the members of the Worship Committee were omitted, namely, Don Passwater, chairman, Floyd and Jennie Morrical, Larry Barnes, Jerry Zimmerman, Sara Davis, Marge Lehman, and Orie McDougale.

BIBLE TELECAST

"The Sermon on the Mount" featuring Dr. Edward W. Bauman began last Saturday and continues for 28 Saturdays at 1:00 P.M. over Channel 33 here in Fort Wayne. Folders are available at the church for registration and study materials if desired. This is an excellent opportunity for Bible study and growth.

RIVERA GROUP GARAGE SALE

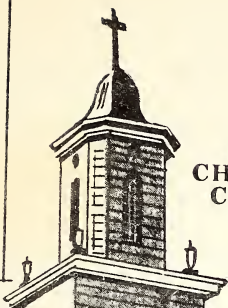
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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:00 A.M. D & D Group

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:30 A.M. Radio Broadcast

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

12:00 Noon Farewell Buffet for
the Gerows, Fellowship Hall

5:30 P.M. D & D Groups

5:30 P.M. CYF

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

7:30 P.M. Cluster Thanksgiving
Worship, Christ Methodist

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00 P.M. D & D Group

7:00 P.M. Evangelism Calling

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

12:00 Noon D & D Group

7:30 P.M. CWF hosts meeting
of CWF from West Creighton &
North Christian

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:30 P.M. D & D Group

7:30 P.M. Bible Study, Janet
Weicker, 5200 N. Washington Rd.

PANTRY NEEDS: Soups, Canned Meat
Hamburger Helper, Jelly or Jam



...and when He had
given thanks...



THANKS - GIVING HIGHLIGHTS

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY WORSHIPS

with a special focus on the actual
expressions of thanks to others-
8:15 A.M.; 10:45 A.M.; 7:00 P.M.

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH OFFERING

Special envelopes and total Church
School offering for outreach minis-
tries.

THANKSGIVING MONTH PANTRY FOOD

Food gifts are added to the corn-
ucopia during worships.

CLUSTER THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Our choir and six others lead in
musical praise for South Fort Wayne
at 7:30 P.M., this Sunday, Nov. 18,
at Christ United Methodist Church.

SERVING NOVEMBER 18

Elders

8:15 A.M. Floyd Morrical and
Don Passwater

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and
Robert Rayl

7:00 P.M. Larry Barnes

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Aker, R. Hendricks, R. Clifton, R. Petty

10:45 A.M. D. Weaver, C. Hetrick, W. Koehlinger, D. Young, D. Short, J. Taylor, V. Moore, L.A. Horn

Deaconesses

Sharon Fredericks and Mary Cook

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. VanWagner, D. Smith, G. Hunt, M. Olson, C. Cline, G. Bruckman

10:45 A.M. G. Bozarth, H. Stevenson, M. Byers, B. Urich, A. Cook

Coffee Hour Hostess

Margarite Quinn

Communion to Homebound

Ben Taylor and Robert Johnson

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Parkview: 234 Mrs. Juanita Tomlinson

(kidney removal on 11/12)

Lutheran: 871 Miss Pam Impton
669 Mr. Leslie Futterer

668 Mr. Jack Phillips

464 Mr. Jack Gerrard

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

David Wayne Rinker and Deborah Marie Place on November 10, 1973. They will be leaving for Germany shortly where he is stationed in military service.

AN INVITATION

This Sunday, November 18, the O.M.S. Class is hosting a farewell buffet meal in honor of the Gerows who will be moving soon to Indianapolis. The meal will take place in Fellowship Hall immediately following the second service. The Class is furnishing the meat and drinks. Everyone is welcome to come! Please bring either a vegetable, salad or dessert. Call the church office or Barbara Schrock, 747-3711, so that the class will have an idea on the number to plan for.

STUDY GROUP INVITATIONS

The Friday morning study group is open for new members. They are currently studying THE TASTE OF NEW WINE and would welcome new participants. Come at 9:30 A.M. on Friday, November 16th at the church. Babysitting is provided.

The Wednesday night Bible Study Group will meet on November 21 at 7:30 P.M. with Janet Weicker, 5200 N. Washington Road.

THANKS

Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can ever express.

The family of Edna Campbell

DEAR FRIENDS AT FIRST CHRISTIAN:

We wish to thank you for all your visits, calls, friendly concern and offers to help during my recuperation from a fractured arm. Our friends have helped us so much in doing the things that need to be done. We are very grateful for your prayers and hope we will soon be able to attend Services.

Esther Clipp

CHILDREN'S THANKSGIVING ASSEMBLY

This Sunday, November 18, is Thanksgiving Sunday. There will be a special Thanksgiving Assembly for the Elementary Level Church School Classes, Grades 1-6 in the 5th & 6th grade room. The assembly will be at 9:45, after classes have taken roll and offering. Mrs. Harold Crowder is arranging the program. Children are asked to meet in their regular class rooms first and go as a group to the 5th & 6th grade room.

ELEMENTARY TEACHER'S MEETING

There will be a ½ hour meeting of all elementary teachers (grades 1-6) in room 120 at 8:00 P.M. (immediately following the Thanksgiving Dinner) this Thursday, November 15. This is an important meeting, so please plan to attend.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR DISHES

Peggy Buskirk, chairwoman of the CWF Kitchen Care Committee, has been working to try to get the clutter out of our church kitchen. There are many dishes which have been brought to the church or taken at the time of funerals or illness that have not been picked up. Some of these have been in the kitchen for many months. Peggy will have them on a card table in Fellowship Hall this Thursday and the next two Sundays. If they are not picked up they will be given to the Pantry.

SIGN UP FOR THE DISCIPLE

This is the last Sunday to sign up for THE DISCIPLE. The order will be sent in November 19. Sign the list on the bulletin board outside the office or call the church office.

CYF: IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The CYF is scheduling regular meetings from 5:30-6:50 P.M. each Sunday evening. The first Sunday meeting of CYF will be November 18.

Youth Choir will continue to meet on Thursday nights.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION:

Have you noticed a reduction in the size of your choir? An invitation is given to anyone to join. You need not be a solist. This may be a way you can serve your Lord. A special invitation is also given to those who have been members in the past. We need you now, with Christmas and Thanksgiving approaching, your participation can make these celebrations more joyous. Call the church office or any choir member. We rehearse on Thursdays at 7:30 P.M.

Yours in Christ,
The Choir

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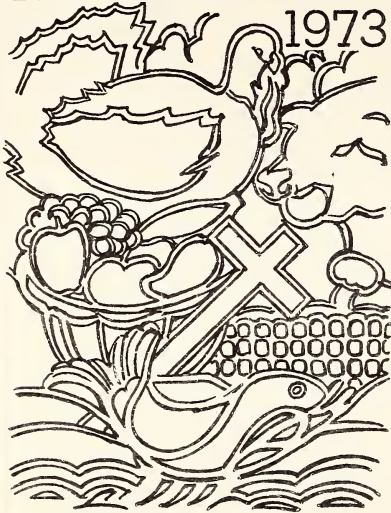
As we try to assemble back issues for binding we are finding the following missing copies of THE TIDINGS. Please bring any of these to the church or notify us of their availability.

No. 9-Nov. 27, 1958; No. 14-Jan. 1, 1959; No. 16-Jan. 15, 1959; No. 18-Jan. 29, 1959; No. 22-Feb. 26, 1959; No. 48-Sept. 1, 1960; No. 49-Sept. 8, 1960; No. 7-Nov. 17, 1960; No. 27-April 6, 1961; No. 46-August 26, 1966.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

THANKSGIVING

1973



CELEBRATE
WITH THANKS AND GIVING

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL DAY OFFERING FOR OUTREACH

Children's Thanksgiving Banks - Special Day envelopes in offering sets and in pew holders - total Church School offering on the 18th. All unites to undergird the outreach ministry of the church. One of the supported levels of the church is our Regional Ministries. Our Indiana Region is designed "to extend the ministry of Christian mission, witness and service among the people and social structures of the "region" and "to establish, receive and nurture congregations within the region."

Included in the work of the Regions are youth programs, regional assemblies, retreats and workshops, stewardship education, ordination and licensing of pastors, assistance in ministerial placement, and various statelevel ministries. Three of the new full time staff have been with us since coming to their posts Dr. Gilford Olmsted, our Regional Minister,

preached in August, 1972; Rev. James Keown, Associate Regional Minister led a special program at church board in January, 1973, and Rev. Lewis McPherrin, Associate Regional Minister preached in July, 1973.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Every member and friend will make special effort to worship God on Thanksgiving Sunday. Be sure to be present at one of our three regular worship hours. For the sick and homebound, our morning worship can be heard on WGL at 10:30 A.M.

Let the peoples praise Thee, O God; let all the peoples praise thee! The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

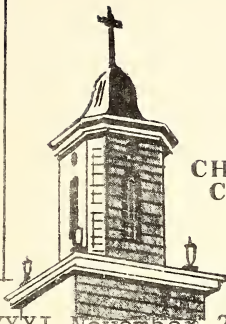
Psalms 67:5,6

A part of our worship each Sunday of Thanksgiving month is the bringing of foodstuffs to our chancel cornucopia for use in our Pantry ministry. Celebrate with Thanks and Giving!

CLUSTER THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SUNDAY EVENING AT 7:30 P.M.

Christ United Methodist Church at 1101 McKinnie is the location for this union community service. The massed choirs of Calvary Presbyterian, Christ United Methodist, Epworth United Methodist, First Christian, Grace United Church of Christ, Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, and St. John the Baptist Catholic churches will unite on three anthems. Five of these choirs will do separate anthems. Four thanksgiving hymns Bible reading, litanies, and prayers complete this worship opportunity. The Thanksgiving offering will be used to support CROP in its ministry.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:00 A.M. D & D Group

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:30 A.M. Radio Broadcast

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

Sermon: "What Is That In Your Hand?" Exodus 3:1-12; 4:1-9

5:30 P.M. CYF

5:30 P.M. D & D Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7:00 P.M. D & D Group

7:00 P.M. Evangelism Calling

7:30 P.M. Sounding Board

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

12:00 Noon D & D Group

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:30 P.M. D & D Group

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

6:30 P.M. Youth Choir

6:30 P.M. Junior Disciples

7:40 P.M. D & D Group

7:40 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:40 P.M. Chi Rho

7:40 P.M. Children's Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED MEAT,
HAMBURGER HELPER, SOAP PRO-
DUCTS

FROM THE PASTOR:

May each family receiving THE TIDINGS have a happy and thankful celebration of Thanksgiving day.

We trust that college youth and guests in our homes will be a part of our Sunday congregation. The sermon is "What Is That In Your Hand?" based on Exodus 3:1-12 and Exodus 4:1-9. Mrs. Jennie Morrical will be sharing in both hours, plus our Youth Choir sings for Divine Worship. Glen Beckmeyer and Mel Busse will sing a duet during Meditative Worship which is also broadcast over WGL at 10:30 A.M.

Opportunity for ministry through the Change Through Involvement programs in our community will receive special attention. Food gifts for our Pantry should fill our chancel around our Thanksgiving cornucopia.

\$447.04 has been received so far in the Thanksgiving Outreach offering and should push over \$600 next Sunday Budget Giving is crucial since the new boiler was paid last week and our annual insurance bill is now due.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND SEE YOU SUNDAY!

Harold E. Cline

SERVING NOVEMBER 25

Elders

8:15 A.M. Ben Taylor and
John Merrill

10:45 A.M. Rufus Quinn and
Larry Barnes

7:00 P.M. Hugh Rice

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Gump, S. Cole,
W. Bowen, A.E. Huddleston

10:45 A.M. J. Zimmerman, J.
Hechler, H. Stevenson, O.
McDougle, R. Urich, R. Petty,
L.A. Horn, R. Wortley

Deaconesses

Marlene Crouse and Karen Flick-
inger

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, C.
Cline, M. Olson, G. Hunt, D.
Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, B. Urich,
M. Byers, H. Stevenson, G.
Bozarth, M. Gardner

Coffee Hour Hostess

Bea Rice

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview:

232 Mrs. Juanita Tomlinson

Lutheran: 669 Mr. Leslie Futterer

668 Mr. Jack Phillips

THANKS TO ALL

Thank you for all the flowers,
cards, calls, and prayers while
my mother, Mrs. Zoa Jordan was in
the hospital.

Helen Jordan

YOUTH COLLECTED UNICEF:

The youth of our church collec-
ted a total of \$92.41 in the annu-
al UNICEF Trick or Treat at Hal-
loween.

TWO RESPONSES DURING THE INVITATION

MR. and MRS. JOSEPH L. WILEY, 2934

Homedale Drive, 16, 447-1831, expres-
sed commitments Sunday morning. Joe
made his public confession of faith
and was baptized. Linda transferred
her membership from the Buckeye Ch-
ristian Church of Rt. 4, Huntington.
Joe is in Budget Accounting for Gen-
eral Telephone and graduated from the
University of Kentucky. Linda is an
Interiors Decorator for Harold Palmer
Inc. and graduated from the School of
Arts and Design in Chicago.

We welcome this couple in our fel-
lowship and in this common identity
in Christ as a couple!

CHRISTMAS SEASON CALENDARING:

December 2 - Advent Season begins
with Advent Wreath in worship.

December 9 - Classes are asked to
decorate own rooms by this day.

December 9, 7:00 P.M. - Celebration
Worship will include a special carol
sing and carol backgrounds.

December 16, 4:45 - 6:45 P.M. All
Church Christmas Caroling - we are
planning for two bus loads for youth
and adults.

December 23, 10:45 A.M. - Chancel
Choir will lead special Christmas
Worship

December 24, 7:00 P.M. - Christmas
Eve Family and Children's Worship

11:00 P.M. - Candlelighting Christ-
mas Eve Worship.

NEW TEACHER

Mel Busse is beginning immediately
as associate teacher of the Grade 9
and 10 Class working with Tom Frapp-
ier.

SIGNIFICANT CHURCH BOARD ACTIONS ON THURSDAY, November 8, 1973

The Stewardship-Finance Committee recommended a new insurance contract including building replacement cost, inflation guard, and all risk. Proposals were studied from 10 companies, but the policy will be continued with the same company, CNA through the Loos Agency locally. The insurance program was approved.

The Property and Care Committee recommended the hiring of Chad Cline as weekend custodial help to replace Doug Allen, who resigned to take other work. This was approved.

The recommendation of the Membership department to continue the policy of sending flowers at the time of the death of members was approved. Classes and other church groups are encouraged to make Memorial Gifts to the church in lieu of flowers was approved.

The board also approved the continuation of the Church Family Night program on a regular basis starting January 10, 1974 but with served meals only one night per month. In the Interim, functional committees will meet on December 6 and the church board will meet on December 13.

The resignation of Penny Beachley was accepted with regrets.

A youth request for church sponsorship of a church basketball team to participate in a league was endorsed and finances allowed up to \$219. 14 will be the minimum age for the team.

The elders reported the very favorable reception given to the new Homebound and Hospital Communion program which was initiated on November 4. The Property and Care Committee reported the ordering of the outside basketball goal and that it should be installed shortly. They also announced a campaign to clean up trash in all closets and storage areas of the church. The Worship Committee reported that the Chapel will be open for quiet worship and meditation from 6:45 to 9:00 P.M. each Sunday evening. Communion will be available. This is another opportunity for regular Sunday worship in addition to our three regularly scheduled worship hours.

The O.M.S. Class announced an open farewell buffet luncheon on Sunday, November 18 to honor Ron and Jeanne Gerow and family who are moving to Indianapolis. This is open for any to attend.

There were 38 members and one guest present.

ADULT CLASS CHRISTMAS DINNERS

The regular Adult Church School Classes have been invited to the Cline Home for Christmas Dinners according to the following:

Friday, November 30, 6:30 P.M.

Com Double Class

Saturday, December 1, 6:30 P.M.

Progressive Class

Sunday, December 2, 1:30 P.M.

Beran Class

Friday, December 7, 6:30 P.M.

58 Class

Saturday, December 8, 12:00

Noon - Friendly Bible Class,

6:30 P.M. - O.M.S. Class

Saturday, December 15, 6:00

P.M. - Staff and Family Dinner

PROGRESSIVE CLASS:

At the Christmas Dinner at the Cline's, the class has a planned program, election of officers, and a gift exchange of \$1.00 value labeled man or woman.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6:30 P.M. - Youth Choir (Grades 7-12), Junior Disciples (grades 4-6)

7:40 P.M. - Chi Rho Fellowship (Grades 7-9), D & D in Parlor, Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Children's Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

Same schedule as above except NO D & D Group and all Functional Committees at 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

Same schedule as December 6, except the Church Board meeting replaces the Committees at 7:00 P.M.

FOSTER GRANDMOTHERS NEEDED

The Christian Action and Community Service Committee brings you this appeal from Project Head Start of Fort Wayne. Head Start ministers to 400 children in our area and is now beginning a foster grandparent program. This image of maturity and quietude of the Senior Citizen is so very important to a young child, especially the underprivileged child. Both male and female senior citizens are needed to volunteer a few hours a week in a Head Start Classroom. These volunteers are needed now. If you are willing to help call Project Head Start (Rose M. Freytag, Information and Volunteer Coordinator)--1825 Morris Street, 432-1583.

CORRECTIONS SEMINAR

Area meetings to inform church people on the proposed Region II Community Correction Program are being held through the sponsorship of the Associated Churches. James Brown, Director of the Region II Study, will be at these meetings to help explain the need and the proposal. Meetings still to be held:

Nov. 23 - Pilgrim Baptist, 1331 Gay Street

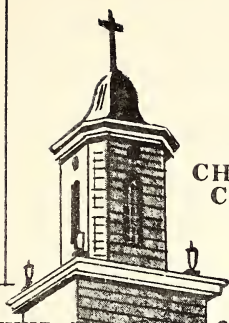
Nov. 26 - Bethlehem Lutheran, 3705 S. Anthony

Nov. 27 - North Highlands Presbyterian, 1811 Fairhill

Nov. 28 - Ft. Wayne Bible College Auditorium, 1025 W. Rudisill

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE will be placed in the Narthex this year and we will have the opportunity to send one card as a greeting to our friends in the church. More details in next week's TIDINGS.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:00 A.M. D & D Group
6:30 P.M. Progressive Christmas
Dinner at the Clines

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 ADVENT BEGINS

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
1:30 P.M. Berean Class Christmas
Dinner at the Clines
5:30 P.M. CYF
5:30 P.M. Search for Silence Group
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
Evaluation for D & D

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Ruby
Cline, 5705 Fernwood

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Reba
Fusselman, 6309 Bluffton Rd.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:30 A.M. Spice Group, Rychie
Smell, 4126 Roxton Lane
7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Colyn
Crowder, 1024 Olympia

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:30 P.M. Youth Choir
6:30 P.M. Junior Disciples
7:00 P.M. Functional Committees
7:30 P.M. Chi Rho
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED MEAT, HAMBURGER
HELPER, CEREALS

ADVENT



ADVENT

"Pause now at the
gateway of He Comes
and contemplate the
swift symmetry of
seasons.

The wheel has
turned again; wonder
spilling past the
brink of disbelief
overflows the hol-
lows of the days.

Watch for signs..
. . all hope depends

on one new-rising star. Search out
unlikely places, then, once found,
proclaim Him Lord who seems anony-
mous as evergreens in summer."

--Carolyn Lott & Jensene Payne

The importance of Advent is re-
lated to our understanding of the
incarnation--God in Jesus Christ.
Because God came to us in human form,
life has never been the same. His-
tory was sliced in two pieces: be-
fore His coming and after His coming.
From the one new-rising star that
announced Jesus' birth, a brilliant
stream of light has encircled the
earth.

From Vanguard

SERVING DECEMBER 2

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Schilling
and Fred Smell

10:45 A.M. Merle Rice and
Ben Taylor

7:00 P.M. Dean Widler

Deacons

8:15 A.M. F. Richardson, G.
Ludwig, J. Sauerwein, E. Allen

10:45 A.M. T. Frappier, R.

Urich, D. Allen, T. Knuckles,
R. Clifton, D. Pomeroy, T.

Ogles, H. Helmuth

Deaconesses

Marlene Crouse and Karen Flick-
inger

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D.
Olson, M. Terry, R. Flickin-
ger, D. Smith, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A Cook, S. Frap-
pier, K. Place, H. Stevenson,
J. Kirsch, J. Frappier

Coffee Hour Hostess

Ruth Plummer

Homebound Communion

Floyd Morrical and Earl Plummer

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview 532 Lawrence Horn

Lutheran 589 Mrs. Ethel Koontz
794 William DeVinnny

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Doug and Karen Rogers, a
son, Brian Scott, on November 21,
1973.

THANK YOU TO THE CHURCH

Dear Members of First Christian:

I would like to thank you for
everything you have done for me
in the past month, you have
shown me how God really loves me.
It would take a long time for me
to thank everyone there are too

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

This new regular program every
other Sunday has four regular calls.
We welcome office contact for per-
manent listing so that the elders
and deacons will bring communion
every other Sunday to those unable
to be present in worship. We also
welcome phone contact when hospital-
alized or short-term illness for
home communion. They will be shar-
ing December 2, 16, and 30 this
month. Take advantage of this new
opportunity.

DISCIPLINE AND DISCOVERY EVALUATION

All team members, all Discovery
Weekend participants, all follow-up
group participants, and all members
and friends of First Christian Ch-
urch are invited to Celebration Wor-
ship this Sunday night at 7:00 P.M.
which will include an evaluation of
this program which draws to a close
with the final D & D Group meeting
Saturday morning at 7:00 A.M. Come
at 7:00 P.M. Sunday evening!

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

First Christian Church will have
a tree in the Narthex on which to
place Christmas cards sent by mem-
bers and friends for their friends
at the church. We send one card to
the church for all our friends. In
it, enclose a gift of money from
what you save by not sending indiv-
idual cards. (continued, page 4)

CONGRATULATIONS

To Doug Olson who was on the So-
uth Side High Cross Country Team,
which qualified for the State Meet.

many people to thank but thank-you
to everyone and may God Bless You.

Jim Stucky

HELP FIND CHURCH PUBLICATIONS FOR OFFICE BINDERY COPIES

Will you check and see if you have any of the following issues of THE TIDINGS or the Sunday Bulletins of our church. These are missing from office files and are desired as we try to complete and update past records. We hope to put our past records into the best possible condition during this particular church year. Your help will be deeply appreciated.

TIDINGS (issues missing)

#46 August 26, 1965	# 9 November 27, 1958
#27 April 6, 1961	#14 January 1, 1959
#48 September 1, 1960	#16 January 15, 1959
#49 September 8, 1960	#18 January 29, 1959
# 7 November 17, 1960	#22 February 26, 1959

SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETINS (issues missing)

October 18, 1970	April (month), 1964	January 28, 1962
March 16, 1969	May (month), 1964	March 4, 1962
April 23, 1967	June 7, 1964	March 11, 1962
October 15, 1967	June 21, 1964	March 25, 1962
October 22, 1967	June 28, 1964	April 1, 1962
December 3, 1967	July (month), 1964	May 6, 1962
December 17, 1967	August (month), 1964	May 27, 1962
December 24, 1967	September (month), 1964	June 17, 1962
December 31, 1967	October 4, 1964	August 5, 1962
January 31, 1966	October 11, 1964	August 12, 1962
March 6, 1966	October 18, 1964	August 18, 1962
May 15, 1966	December 20, 1964	September 2, 1962
May 22, 1966	December 27, 1964	September 23, 1962
May 29, 1966	February 3, 1963	September 30, 1962
June 5, 1966	February 10, 1963	October 7, 1962
June 12, 1966	February 17, 1963	November 4, 1962
June 19, 1966	March 17, 1963	November 11, 1962
July 4, 1966	April 28, 1963	January 1, 1961
November 6, 1966	July 14, 1963	January 8, 1961
December 4, 1966	July 21, 1963	January 15, 1961
December 25, 1966	August 4, 1963	February 5, 1961
January-October, 1965	August 11, 1963	February 17, 1961
November 7, 1965	August 18, 1963	March 5, 1961
November 14, 1965	August 25, 1963	April 23, 1961
November 28, 1965	September 29, 1963	May (month), 1961
January 12, 1964	October 13, 1963	June (month), 1961
February 2, 1964	October 20, 1963	July 2, 1961
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May 19, 1957
July (month), 1957
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October 6, 1957
October 20, 1957
October 27, 1957
November (month), 1957
December (month), 1957

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE (from page 2)

This is an over-and-above gift which is annually divided between the Emily E. Flinn Home in Marion and the Cleveland Children's Home. Watch the next few issues of TIDINGS to see when the tree will go up. All cards will be posted on the tree and names of those sending the cards listed in TIDINGS so that your friends may know that you have, indeed, sent them a Christmas greeting. Cards may be sent to the Church office anytime.

SOCK AND MITTON TREE

The annual Sock and Mitton Tree will be going up soon and the children will have an opportunity to put socks and mittens on the tree to be sent to the children living in the Cleveland Children's Home.

THANK YOU!

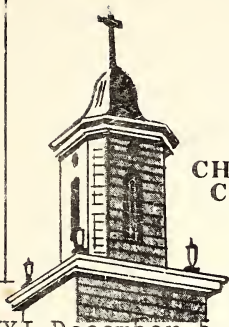
The Christian Education Committee takes this opportunity to announce that Sandra Doty who has been the Crib Room teacher during the church school hour has moved and is no longer serving in this capacity. The committee thanks Sandra for her time of service. Miss Pam Meadows will be replacing Sandra in this position.

PRAY FOR THOSE GOING TO OTHERS

Ray and Sharon Fredericks, Janet Weicker, Schellie Schell, and Chad Cline are on the Lay Witness Mission Team which Ray is coordinating at First Church of God in Columbia City this weekend. Dean and Elsie Widler are going on a Mission to the United Church of Morocco this weekend. Ray and Sharon will be going to the First Baptist Church in Peru for a Pre-Mission visit the following weekend.

PRAY FOR THESE PERSONS.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

12:00 Noon Friendly Class to
Clines

12:30 P.M. Higdon Group to
Heritage House

6:30 P.M. O.M.S. Class to Clines

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

3:00 P.M. Junior Disciple Party
Miriam Bixenman, 1810 Chartwell

4:00 P.M. Chi Rho Party, the Ben
Taylor's, 5215 Werling

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at
Dorothy Merriman's 4323 Marquette

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Hazel
Crouse, 6502 S. Calhoun

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:30 P.M. Youth Choir

6:30 P.M. Junior Disciples

7:00 P.M. Church Board

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:30 P.M. Chi Rho

PANTRY NEEDS: TUNA, SOAP PRODUCTS

BEEF STEW, PEANUT BUTTER (the
PANTRY had 11 referrals last week)

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Christmas is coming!
and it's the time for giving
and forgiving,
but we get so mad so fast about
so little, and sometimes
it's hard to remember
how to be happy,
and we hug our hurts
instead of each other.
But Lord, Christmas is coming,
and we want to smile and laugh and
dance,
so, please, tease away our frowns,
and let the mistletoe appear above
every head,
and kiss away our tears, and make
us
huggers and lovers,
givers and forgivers,
children of all ages!
Come on, Jesus, light our fires!
--Robert Raines in Lord, Could You
Make It a Little Better?

HEAR SUNDAY'S SERMON AT 8:15 or
10:45 A.M. "Better Light a Candle"
John 1:1-18; 3:17-21; 8:12;
Romans 13:11-14; Ephesians 5:1-14

SERVING DECEMBER 9

Elders

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and
George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. William Crouse
and Andrew Cook

7:00 P.M. David Griggs

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Aker, R. Hen-
dricks, R. Petty

10:45 A.M. D. Weaver, C. Het-
rick, W. Koehlinger, D. Young,
D. Short, J. Taylor, V. Moore,
R. Wortley

Deaconesses

Marlene Crouse and Karen Flick-
inger

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D.
Olson, M. Terry, R. Flickinger,
D. Smith, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, S. Frap-
pier, K. Place, H. Stevenson,
J. Kirsch, J. Frappier

Coffee Hour Hostess

Judie Passwater

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: 409 Mr. Larry Horn

St. Joseph: 721 Mr. Charles
Wrisk

561 Mrs. Eileen Graham

Lutheran: 589 Mrs. Ethel Koontz

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Ann Gump in the dea-
th of her father, F.C. Duncan,
at the Golden Years Homestead.
Services were in Muncie where he
was a member of Hazelwood Chris-
tian Church.

To Jay McCarel in the death
of his wife, Gertrude Sutton Mc-
Carel, on Thursday of last week.

NOVEMBER AVERAGES:

Church Worship	338
Church School	158
Budget Giving	\$1,717.75
Appeal Giving	245.38

NEW MEMBERS DURING NOVEMBER:

Melanie Baugher
Joe and Linda Wiley

THANKSGIVING OFFERING MAILED:

The special outreach offering
received at Thanksgiving time
totaled \$525 and was mailed this
week for the mission and minis-
try of the church on the regio-
nal, national and world levels.
It undergirds mission, ministry,
education, and benevolence.

GEROWS TO INDIANAPOLIS:

Ron and Jeanne, Robbie and
Laura, moved yesterday to 14 Ro-
amin Ct., Greenwood, Indiana,
46142. Best wishes and God's
blessing!

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hay-
hurst a daughter, Susan Eliza-
beth, on November 20, at Euclid,
Ohio. Grandparents are Mr. and
Mrs. Cecil Rice.

THANK YOU NOTE:

Thanks so much for the calls,
cards, and prayers for and to
Leslie Futterer while he was
hospitalized. Hortense Futterer

INVITATION: The Church Family
is invited to hear the Senior
Voice Recital of Rebecca L. Bus-
kirk given at Marion College,
Friday, December 14, at 8:00 P.M.
Reception following.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Junior Disciples (grades 4, 5, and 6) will have a Christmas Party next Sunday afternoon, December 9, at the home of Miriam Bixenman, 1810 Chartwell, from 3:00-5:00 P.M. Members are asked to bring a 5¢ gift for exchange. All in these grades are invited, whether or not you have been attending Junior Disciple meetings on Thursdays.

CHI RHO CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Chi Rho Fellowship Christmas Party will be at the Ben Taylor home, 5215 Werling Drive, on December 9 from 4:00 to 6:45 P.M. Bring a 5¢ gift for exchange. We will eat at 5:15 P.M.

SOCK AND MITTON TREE

The Church School will sponsor a Sock and Mitton Tree. The tree will be placed in Fellowship Hall in a location accessible to all. The idea is to bring a pair of socks or mittens one of the next three Sundays, and hang them on the tree. On Christmas Sunday (December 23) the socks and mittens will be sent to the Cleveland Children's Home for boys and girls in "our other family" there at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

The Christmas Card tree will be up in the Narthex this Sunday. We ask that you send one card to the church for all your church friends. The cards will be hung on the tree for all to see and the names of those sending cards will be published in THE TIDINGS so that all may know that you have, indeed, sent them a Christmas greeting. The cards

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CHRISTMAS CARD TREE (from 1st column) should contain a gift of money saved from the money you would otherwise have spent sending individual greetings. The money so collected will be divided between the Cleveland Home for Children and the Emily Flinn Home for the aged as an over-and-above Christmas gift. Please do not place your card directly on the tree, but turn it in to the Church Office or mail it in.

FRESH FRUIT NEEDS

We have been asked to participate again in the Martin Luther King Center Christmas Food Distribution. The King Center has found that, as holiday baskets are distributed to families, many times items are included in the baskets that the recipients neither need or know how to use, and that it is better to allow them to pick out their own food, under some supervision, plus the fact that this helps preserve the dignity of the family. Therefore, food is gathered for the center through churches and other groups and persons shop for their own at the Center. This year, we have been asked to provide 50 bags of fresh fruit. The Christian Action Committee has felt that fruit would spoil if we ask our people to bring the fruit itself. Therefore, we are asking that persons willing to do so donate money to buy the fruit. Cans will be placed at all entrances, or you may place your gift in the offering plate in an envelope, marked simply, "fruit". Donations are needed by December 19.

CHRISTMAS SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

December 9 - 7:00 P.M.

Special Christmas Carol sing and Carol stories.

December 16 - 4:45 to 6:45 P.M.

Church-wide Christmas caroling via chartered buses. Please sign up by calling the church office, signing on list opposite office, or turning in slips from last Sunday.

December 23 - 10:45 A.M.

Our Chancel Choir will be leading a special musical celebration of Christmas during Divine Worship.

December 24 - 7:00 P.M.

Children and Family Christmas Eve Worship - Children are preparing by trying to draw, make, write or in some way be ready to answer--"What would I give to Jesus if I had no money?"

December 24 - 11:00 P.M.

Candlelighting Christmas Eve Worship ending as Christmas Day begins.

SOMETHINGS ARE NEW!

The installation of a new P. A. system for our worship nave and improvements in the basement and in the classrooms has been completed. This was provided by a Memorial Gift in memory of Walter Keebortz. It was partially installed last Sunday but now has been finished.

New draperies have been hung in the parlor and the room repainted. This was provided for by the insurance claim against the stolen draperies, carpet, and damage done to doors around the church. We are proud of the new look in the parlor.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS SERIES

This Sunday the 9th. at 9:30 A.M. a new Discipleship Class series will begin in Room 120 of the lower level. The class is open to any member, friend, or prospect of the church. Dr. Cline teaches this series on a rotating basis and deals with some of the basics of the Christian faith and life. This particular series will continue into January and February. If you have questions about the class or if you are interested in participating, please contact Dr. Cline or the church office. This is open to senior high youth, college age, and adults. Presentations are coupled with much discussion and answering of questions.

ADVENT WREATH FAMILIES:

Assisting in the lighting of the Advent Wreath this year are the following families:

8:15 A.M.

10:45 A.M.

12/2 Larry Barnes; Thomas Knuckles
12/9 Thomas Frappier; Russell Wortley
12/16 Jack Sauerwein; Ronald Aker
12/23 Ben Taylor; O.G. Baugher

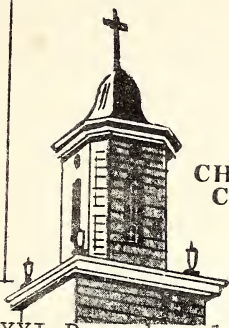
OFFICERS FOR PROGRESSIVE CLASS

President - Floyd Morrical
Vice President - Earl Plummer
Secretary - Bernice Montgomery
Treasurer: Genevieve Ripple
Cheer - Marguerite Quinn
Teacher - Harold Crowder
Assistant Teacher - Rolland Ripple

HIGDON GROUP SPECIAL MEETING

The Higdon Group will meet on December 8, at 12:30 P.M. at the Heritage House. Mrs. Sadie Kattas will be the hostess. The program will feature views of the Holy Land shown by Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Hand.

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\$50,000 BY DECEMBER 30TH

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group
9:00 A.M. CYF Bake Sale, Roger's
Market in Waynedale
6:00 P.M. Staff Christmas Din-
ner at the Clines

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
4:45 P.M. Church-Wide Caroling
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 10:00 A.M. Study Group

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 6:30 P.M. Youth Choir
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Chi Rho

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED MEAT,
CANNED FRUIT, JUICES

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIPS . .

- 7:00 P.M. Children and Fam-
ily Worship
11:00 P.M. Candlelighting
Worship

The Finance Committee is challeng-
ing the church to reach \$50,000 in
Budget giving by December 30th, which
marks the halfway point in the church
year. Admittedly, our budget calls
for \$56,005 at this point, but the
committee feels we can stretch and
make \$50,000. Since we have now re-
ceived \$38,977.53 in budget giving
since July 1, we need a total of
\$11,002.47 during these coming three
weeks.

Our cash drain has been heavy with
the payment on our new boiler and our
annual insurance besides regular oper-
ating costs. We are current with
bills only because we have filed to
remit any budget outreach support
since July 1.

Many churches used to have birthday
offerings in Sunday School. This pat-
tern, if applied to the birth of Chr-
ist could lift us over the top. Just
a penny a year since the birth of
Christ or \$19.73 from each of our 617
participating members in budget giving
in these weeks would achieve our goal.

Yet, we are aware some cannot af-
ford \$19.73, others could and should
give 10 times this amount or more.

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SERVING DECEMBER 16

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and
William Love

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and
Earl Plummer

7:00 P.M. Robert Rayl

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Gump, S. Cole,
W. Bowen, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. J. Zimmerman, J.

Hechler, H. Stevenson, O

McDougle, R. Johnson, T.

Knuckles, R. Ogles

Deaconesses

Delores Keebortz and Ruth Yentes

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D.

Olson, M. Terry, R. Flickinger,

D. Smith, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, S. Frap-

pier, K. Place, H. Stevenson,

J. Kirsch, J. Frappier

COFFEE HOUR HOSTESS

Ruby Cline

Homebound Communion

Mark Snyder and Tom Frappier

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran 589 Mrs. Ethel Koontz

St. Joseph 721 Mr. Charles Wrisk

Parkview 409 Mr. Lawrence Horn

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Leon Johns in the death of
his brother in Clearwater, Flor-
ida.

CALL FOR BOOKS!

Books borrowed for a long
time from either the Church Lib-
rary or from the Pastor are ask-
ed to be returned. It might
help to check through your books.

CYF BAKE SALE DECEMBER 15 9 AM

ROGER'S MARKET, WAYNE DALE

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS EXPRESSED:

To the whole family and friends
of First Christian Church from:

Mrs. Ethel Allen

Mrs. Ethel Birkhold

Mrs. Irene Cline

Ken & Ruby Edwards

Clarence & Blanche Hetrick

Mrs. Iva Imbody

Paul & Fern Kenline

Carl & Mildred Linn

Bill & Margaret Love

Mrs. Dorothy Merriman

Vernon & Gladys Moore

Virgil & Bernice Montgomery

Hugh & Gwynth Rice

The Walter Schwartz Family

Don & Barbara Short

Homer & Hortense Stevenson

Kenneth & Beulah Timmons

Mrs. Mary Wagner

Troy & Evelyn Yeoman

We rejoice in the Christmas
greetings expressed by those list-
ed above!

These nineteen greetings were
received and recorded through Sun-
day, December 9. These cards are
on the Christmas tree in the Nar-
thex. Please bring or mail the
cards to the church office or
place in the Sunday offering plate.
Do not put money with cards di-
rectly on the tree.

The gifts in lieu of personal
greeting cards within the church
will go for a special offering to
the Cleveland Christian Home for
children and the Emily E. Flinn
Home for the aged.

SAVE CANCELLED STAMPS!

Christmas stamps are desired in
the box opposite the Chapel along
with other special stamps. Please
leave $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of paper around the
edges of the stamp. Bette Gerrard
sends the stamps in for us.

CHRISTMAS HIGHLIGHTS



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. - Third Sunday of Advent
Sermon both hours - "DO YOU KNOW JESUS?"
John 1:19-28; Luke 1:1-4; 8:19-23; John 20:
30, 31; Colossians 1:15-20; I John 1:1-4;
4:1-6; 13-16

Hand Bells during Divine Worship and Youth
Choir singing with Chancel Choir

4:45 to 6:45 P.M. - Church-Wide Christmas
Caroling by two busloads of children, youth, and adults. All are invited!
Hot chocolate and doughnuts when return to the church.

7:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship - Special guests to be present

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:15 A.M. - Doyle Hardy preaching for Meditative Worship
10:45 A.M. - The Chancel Choir joined by the Youth Choir will be singing
much special Christmas Music - Dr. Cline will give a short meditation.
7:00 P.M. - Christmas Celebration Worship - Mrs. Bixenman leading.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 P.M. - CHILDREN AND FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP - Children's
Choir singing - children are drawing, writing, making--preparing answers
to "what would I give Jesus if I had no money?" - children telling
"PEPITO'S STORY" - all sharing in our Birthday Celebration.
11:00 P.M. - CANDLELIGHTING CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP - Youth Choir sing-
ing - an hour of worship building to a participation in the sharing of
the Light of Christ.

CHILDREN'S BOOK DISPLAY

For the next two Sundays, there
will be a display of children's
books in Fellowship Hall. These
books are for sale. It has been
our thought that in this way we
might make it easier for you to
purchase good books for the small
fry on your Christmas list. See
Miriam Bixenman or Barbara Short
to purchase these books.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON PLANNED

First Christian is working to
start a regular group for our Sen-
ior Citizens. A luncheon meeting
is planned for Thursday, Dec. 27.

MISSING EQUIPMENT

1 Microphone - Gone since time
of CYF Musical in May.

1 Amplifier - Gone from locked
room sometime between September 18-
October 19.

2 Record Players - One from the
P.A. room and one from the Elemen-
tary I room (it is orange and gray
in color).

WILL YOU GIVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT
THIS MISSING EQUIPMENT????

PERSONAL MENTION

Our thanks to Bruce Finkhousen
for repairing the Kindergarten Dep-
artment record player.

\$50,000 (from page one)

Regular and proportionate giving reflective of our income would more than solve our budget giving problems.

In addition to our Budget giving during December, our Church School offering on December 23 and our special Christmas envelopes will be used for our special Christmas Outreach Offering which underscores our ministry through benevolent homes.

Our Combined Centennial and Indiana Appeal giving will end two of the three pledge years this December. We are pointing to a complete victory by December 31, 1974 when we will have given our pledged total of \$64,536.40. Any newer people who were not here when pledges were received two years ago are invited to give regularly for this cause by marking giving on the regular envelopes. We rejoice that \$43,704.77 has been given to date. Insert folders in our bulletins last Sunday interpreted the work of our Appeal giving.

Christmas is a season for giving. We believe that the life and program and ministry of the church deserves generous giving for budget needs, special Christmas offering, and the Appeal. Persons are served daily through the enabling from gifts to these causes.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

This Saturday morning, December 15, at 7:30 A.M., the Men's Breakfast Group will meet. The group is using "Dialogue With Men of Vision" tapes as the base for discussion. All men are in-

FRESH FRUIT NEEDED

We are assisting the Martin Luther King Center provide food for needy families at Christmas time in a way which helps to preserve the dignity of the family. Many times, when baskets are simply sent to families, items are included that the recipient neither needed nor knew how to use.

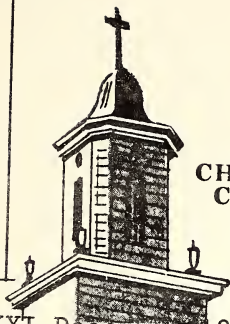
The Martin Luther King Center helps to preserve dignity by allowing the family to shop at the center under some supervision for their own food. Persons coming to the center to shop also pay a small membership fee which goes toward the purchase of meat. This year we have been asked to contribute 50 bags of fresh fruit. The Christian Action Committee felt that fresh fruit brought to the church would spoil. Therefore, we are asking that your contribution be in cash with which they will buy the fruit and take it to the Center the same day. Cans are at all entrances marked "Fruit", or you may mail in or place your contribution in the offering plate on Sunday marked "fruit", December 19 is the deadline.

SOCK AND MITTEN TREE

Some socks and mittens have already been placed on the Sock and Mitten Tree in Fellowship Hall. We invite anyone who wishes to join in our children's church school classes and bring a pair of socks or mittens to put on the tree for the children at the Cleveland Children's Home as a Christmas gift. Gifts should be brought before December 23.

vited to this Saturday meeting and the ones to follow.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1973

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
8:45 P.M. CYF Christmas Party

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1973

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

7:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Family
and Children's Worship
11:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Candle-
lighting Worship

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1973

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1973

12:15 P.M. Senior Citizen
Luncheon

PANTRY NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK
CANNED MEAT
SOUPS

CHRISTMAS 1973

*Celebrate
GOD'S
Gift of
Love*



CHRISTMAS MEDITATIVE WORSHIP - 8:15 A.M.

Doyle F. Hardy preaching, "WHAT DID
YOU EXPECT?" Luke 2:1-7, 22-35.

CHRISTMAS DIVINE WORSHIP - 10:45 A.M.

Combined Youth and Chancel Choir in
chancel area singing and leading musi-
cal celebration of Christmas.
Thrill to Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus"
and other music of the season.

(more Christmas Worship Opportunities
on page four)

SERVING DECEMBER 23

Elders

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and
Floyd Morrical

10:45 A.M. Ray Fredericks and
Rufus Quinn

7:00 P.M. Larry Barnes

Deacons

8:15 A.M. F. Richardson, G.
Ludwig, A.E. Huddleston, E.
Allen

10:45 A.M. T. Frappier, J.
Taylor, D. Allen, R. Clifton,
D. Pomeroy, R. Cole, T. Ogles,
H. Helmuth

Deaconesses

Delores Keebortz and Ruth Yentes

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D.
Olson, M. Terry, R. Flickinger,
D. Smith, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, S. Frap-
pier, K. Place, H. Stevenson,
J. Kirsch, J. Frappier

Coffee Hour Hostess

Betty Olson

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 589 Mrs. Ethel Koontz
589 Mrs. Dolly Broom

St. Joseph: 721 Mr. Charles Wrisk

Parkview: 337 Mrs. Elaine Conrad
403 Mr. Lawrence Horn
504 Mrs. Audrey Looney

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Arthur Mowery and family
in the death of his mother,
Lesta Mahaffy, in Bluffton the
past weekend.

WEDDING BY PASTOR

John L. Christy and Martha
Parkerson on December 14, 1973.
They are residing at 3216 Cres-
cent.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

80 were in the two busloads wh-
ich made 17 stops and caroled at
14 homes on Sunday night. All
seemed appreciative--the carolers
and those where we caroled! Th-
anks to Mac and Tillie McNamee for
fixing hot chocolate and hot cof-
fee with doughnuts upon our return
to the church building.

OPEN HOUSE

Friends who knew Ross and Emmalu
Niernan will be pleased to know
that they will be in Fort Wayne
during the Christmas holidays. On
Sunday afternoon, December 30, from
3:00 - 5:00 P.M. there will be an
Open House at the home of Miriam
Bixenman, 1810 Chartwell. Marlene
Crouse will be assisting. All
friends are invited.

THANK YOU NOTE:

Dear Friends,

We wish to express to all of you
our great appreciation for your
love, friendship and concern for us
during our time in Fort Wayne. God
blessed us richly. We wish for
each of you happiness, health and
the peace of God's abiding love.

Yours in Christ,
Ron and Jeanne Gerow

SECRET PLACE

This devotional guide for Decem-
ber through February is available
in the Narthex and also at the Sou-
th door for a quarter.

1974 CALENDARS

Two Bible Calendars for 1974 are
free for picking up from the Narth-
ex. These are made available by
local business concerns.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS EXPRESSED

To the whole family and friends of First Christian Church greetings have been received from:

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bowen
 Vaughn and Marvel Brickley
 The George Bruckman's
 The Buskirks
 Harold, Ruby, Sally, Chad & Carol Cline
 Bob & Esther Clipp
 Andy, Virginia and Julie Cook
 Mary Cook
 Harold & Colyn Crowder
 Joyce, Andy, Clint and Andrew Crowe
 George, Sara and Tammy Davis
 Maude Donohue
 The Dunhams: Paul and Carol
 Geneva Ferguson
 Karen, Ron, Ronnie and John Flickinger
 Henry & Ethel Flowers
 Joan & Bill Franklin
 Tom and Marilyn Frappier & Family
 Ray, Sharon and Diana Fredericks
 Earl and Reba Fusselman
 Leslie & Hortense Futterer
 The Gardners: Carolyn, Terri, Mike & Jeff
 The Gerows: Ron, Jeanne, Robby & Laura
 Jim and Billie Goins
 Merle, Betty, Steve & Bruce Grimm
 Mary Lou and Bill Hartzler
 Mrs. J.R. Hoop (Gladys)
 Art and Florence Huddleston
 Mimi and Gail Hunt

Dorothy Ikenberry
 The Kelleys: Jim, Judy & Danyelle
 Mark, Rosemary & Eric Krull
 John and Connie Merrill
 Glenn and Lola Miller
 Vina Neiger
 Harold, Edna & Deb Nordblom
 Earl & Ruth Plummer
 Rufe and Marguerite Quinn
 Jack, Doris, Tim & Laura Sauer-
 wein
 Barbara, Dawn, Denise, Diane
 Schrock
 Mike, Debbie & Andy Shannon
 Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Smelser
 Fern Strole
 Vada Tatman
 Janie & Steve Taulbee
 Bill & Anna Taylor
 Elna Taylor
 The Terrys: Michael, Nancy &
 Jennifer
 Paul & Grace Truby
 Jack & Janet Weicker
 Monette Wetzel & Family
 Dean & Elsie Widler
 Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward
 Russell, Nancy, Diana & John
 Wortley

Roxy Wunderlich
 Jerry, Sandy, Eric & Mark Zimmerman

We rejoice in these Christmas wishes! Through Sunday the 16th, \$258. had been received from the 75 families represented as a special gift for the Cleveland Christian Home for children and the Emily E. Flinn Home for the aged in lieu of separate greeting card mailing costs. THE TIDINGS has listed all received through the 16th. Please call it to our attention if there is an oversight. Please bring or mail the cards to the church office or place in the Sunday offering plate. Do not put cards directly on the tree. WARM CHRISTMAS WISHES TO ALL!

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

(from page one)

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WORSHIP -

7:00 P.M.

Miriam Bixenman is leading this special participatory Christmas Celebration.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY AND

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

7:00 P.M. December 24

Brenna Ruble, Beth Schilling, Clint Crowe, and Randy Hunt assisting Mrs. Bixenman with "The Story of Pepito." There will be sharing by children in response to "what would I give Jesus if I had no money?" Dr. Cline will close with Birthday Celebration.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHTING

WORSHIP-11:00 P.M. December 24

Youth Choir joins pastors in this traditional service retelling the Christmas Story and enacting through the drama of candlelighting.



CHRISTMAS GIVING

BUDGET GIVING - \$4,292.04 was given Sunday which takes us to \$41,269.57 towards our goal of \$50,000 by Dec. 30. May we be generous as we finish our giving for the year of 1973.

APPEAL GIVING - Our giving of \$676.50 pushed us to \$44,381.27 of our total commitment of \$64,536.40 due just one year hence.

CHRISTMAS CARD GIVING - \$258. has been received to date in lieu of Christmas cards among our people.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING - \$55.04 has been given already for this Outreach offering. The total Church School offering plus the special Christmas envelope giving will go for this cause Sunday the 23rd.

FRUIT FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER \$34.40 was received to help this community ministry.

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR STAFF

MAY THE ENDURING JOY OF GOD'S GIFT

OF HIS SON BE YOURS IN THIS SEASON

AND INTO THE COMING DAYS.

Harold E. Cline - Miriam Bixenman - Doyle F. Hardy

Barbara Short - Edna Vaught - Arthur Mowery

"Now let us all with gladness cheer
go with the shepherds and draw near
To see the precious Gift of God,
Who has his own dear Son bestowed."

--Martin Luther

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

- 8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon: "Hope In Spite Of..."
Romans 15:13
3:00 P.M. Open House for Nierman's
at Miriam Bixenman's 1810 Chartwell
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
8:45 P.M. College and Career Open
House at the Hardy's, 6012 Guild

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

- Church Office closed after 3 P.M.
9:30 P.M. CYF New Year's Eve
Party

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

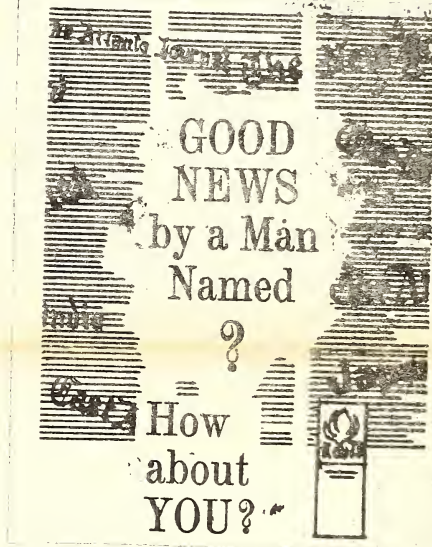
- Church Offices Closed - HAPPY NEW
YEAR!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

- 7:30 P.M. Church Cabinet

PANTRY NEEDS:

- Soups
Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables



Our New Testament opens with four books called Gospels. Each of these were written to communicate the truth of Jesus for history, and even more important to bring men to faith and life in him. These are indispensable sources for our Christian faith.

Our Biblical record is not the only witness to Christ today. The church and every person who wears the name of Christian write an interpretation of Jesus for others. Others catch a glimpse or response from our life when we gather for worship,
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SERVING DECEMBER 30

Elders

8:15 A.M. Don Passwater and
John Merrill

10:45 A.M. George Davis and
Hugh Rice

7:00 P.M. Fred Smell

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Hendricks, J.
Sauerwein, J. Taylor, V. Moore

10:45 A.M. D. Weaver, C. Het-
rick, W. Koehlinger, D. Short,
R. Urich, R. Petty, R. Wortley

Deaconesses

Delores Keebortz and Ruth Yentes

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Ol-
son, M. Terry, R. Flickinger,
D. Smith, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, S. Frap-
pier, K. Place, H. Stevenson,
J. Kirsch, J. Frappier

Coffee Hour Hostess

Peggy Buskirk

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

LUTHERAN 664 Mrs. Laura Marks

ST. JOSEPH 721 Mr. Charles Wrisk

PARKVIEW 403 Mr. Lawrence Horn

OPEN HOUSE FOR NIERMAN'S

All friends of Ross and Enmalu
Nierman are invited to an Open
House for them on Sunday, Decem-
ber 30, from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.,
at the home of Miriam Bixenman.
Marlene Crouse is co-hostess.

CYF NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The CYF New Year's Party will
be held at the Church beginning
at 9:30 P.M. on December 31. Br-
ing table games, records, as
well as food snacks.

FEATURE MOVIE "FOR PETE'S SAKE"

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 7:00 P.M.

This movie will be shown in our
Worship Nave as a part of a commun-
ity wide presentation of this Billy
Graham film. The film is credited
as "unique in its capacity to reach
out to meet the problems of people."
This full-length comedy-drama was
filmed entirely on location in Den-
ver and the Colorado Rockies. It is
the story of Pete Harper, a family
man and service station owner, who
is knocked flat by unexpected prob-
lems, but finds the strength to
stand up again, to face life anew.
World Wide Films produced FOR PETE'S
SAKE in Eastman color.

ORIGINAL MUSICAL: ST. MATTHEW'S

PARABOLA - 8:15 A.M. 7 3:00 P.M.

Sunday, January 13

College and high school youth of
South Side Christian Church of Koko-
mo will be in our church to share
this musical production. This pro-
duction of the Gospel in word and
song was written by an IU student,
Fred Siefers, in cooperation with
Dr. Karen Warren, the Associate Pas-
tor. It is a "Godspell-like musical"
to present the message of the Gospel
of Matthew with a new twist. The
cast of 25 will be in our building
for preparation on Saturday and will
be leading us for our early Worship
Hour and again for a community per-
formance beamed especially for youth
of Fort Wayne at 3:00 P.M.

COLLEGE AND CAREER! All college and
single career young adults are in-
vited to the Hardy's, 6012 Guild Dr.
at 8:45 P.M., Sunday, December 30.

LIVING REMEMBRANCES THROUGH MEMORIAL GIVING

IN MEMORY OF WALTER BIRKHOOLD

by Mr. & Mrs. Harold Crowder
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Edwards
Mr. & Mrs. Porter Martin

IN MEMORY OF WALTER KEEBORTZ

by Mr. & Mrs. George Bruckman
Christian Education Committee,
Nila Schilling, Helen Williams,
Peg Buskirk, Delmas .
Young, Margaret Love

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Crowder
Dept. #97, International Harvester

Delores Keebortz

Joseph W. Keebortz

Shirley A. Keebortz

IN MEMORY OF MRS. ANNA HIRSCHY

by Mrs. Ethel Birkhold

IN MEMORY OF MRS. LEAH HAYES

by Mrs. Sara Davis

IN MEMORY OF MRS. GRACE ORCHARD

by Mrs. C.E. Buskirk

IN MEMORY OF JOHN STEIGERWALD

by Kenny & Lucille Brines

IN MEMORY OF MRS. MARY LAPOINTE

by Mrs. Ethel Birkhold

Charles Dickmeyer

Mrs. Doris L. Gepfert

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Gepfert

Mr. & Mrs. William Gepfert

Doris R. Hollenbeck

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jurczak

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Koppin

Mr. & Mrs. M.C. Marquette

From Neighbors

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES HUNT

by Mr. & Mrs. George Bruckman

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Crowder

Dept. of Robert Hunt, General Electric

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Fenstermaker

P. Ben Hummel

Gladys, Harry Hunt, Judy, Eldon & children

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Klepfer

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Kruse

Richard Logan

IN MEMORY OF DAVID HOGG

by Allen Co. Republican Central Com.

Dr. & Mrs. John P. Berger

Florence Brower

Mr. & Mrs. Romane Cole

Ruth Craig & Lena Comment

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Crist

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Crowder

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Culer, Mr. & Mrs.

Don Sellers, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Sellers

Mr. & Mrs. D. Dickmeyer

Duplicate Bridge Group #2

Clifford & Margaret Fluckinger

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Foltz, Mr. & Mrs.

Robert Covel

Mrs. Hogg's Wednesday Afternoon Club

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hulfeld

Edmund H. Johnstone

Klopfenstein Furniture

Mr. & Mrs. Ordean Kiltie

Mrs. John Lahmeyer

Italia E. Moss

Mr. & Mrs. Morris R. Perry

Irene & Al Powell

Heirs of Minnie Preshun

Eleanor M. Scherer

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Sellers, Mr. &

Mrs. David Kicklighter, Mr. &

Mrs. Charles Edgy, Steve Sellers

Lucius Somers

Dorothy Stroh (Miller families)

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Stubbins

Wade & Mary Ann Usher

Waldo & Helen Whaley

Dr. Doris Willis

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY

GOOD NEWS (from page one)
study, fellowship, and service. More often they take note by our attitudes expressed in conversation, our deeds expressed in the commonplace of life and our relationships with persons whether causal or continuing.

This record hits the reality of our lives. Do our finances which were in our control during 1973 bear witness that Jesus and his caring love for all persons was Lord of life? Do our lives reflect a growing relationship with God through corporate worship and private meditation, study and prayer? Are persons finding hope and love because we are alive? Or can I sum it up this way, does my partnership with God in all of life reflect that I honor him as the senior partner?

This year-end reflection is important in the life of First Christian Church. What good news have I brought to the world through my church? Have I brought good news to others through my participation in worship? Have I enabled the church to move forward through my work on a board or committee? Have I enabled my class to be a contagious learning group? Have I reached out to bring newcomers into the church? Have I cared for one aged, lonely, homebound, or sick person to bring a smile to his face? Have I encouraged someone who has become tired and worn our wondering "Is it worth it?"

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\$50,000 BY DECEMBER 30th:

For several weeks we have been talking, praying, and giving in order that our church might reach \$50,000 in Budget giving for the six months from July 1 through December 30, 1973. This is the first half of our church budget year.

We would challenge all to be current in their faith commitments to God.

We would challenge all to make any possible extra gift to the church.

We would challenge every member to give something to the church whether resident or non-resident.

Please bring or send your offering on Sunday the 30th. If you cannot be present mail it as soon as possible so that we may receive it no later than Monday noon, December 31.

\$50,000 BY DECEMBER 30th

NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES ON DECEMBER 27

None of these will meet on Thursday, December 27: Youth Choir, Children's Choir, Chi Rho Fellowship, Junior Disciples.

Many persons feel we have deep moral and spiritual problems in our nation and world. Am I contributing to the growth of this decadence or am I bringing hope and direction to a wander and hurting world?

May we ponder what Good News of Jesus our lives are conveying as we end 1973 and begin 1974.

Harold E. Cline



